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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Sinister Agitator

OPPOSITION criticism of the Butler Budget has been relatively mild. Manifestly the Socialists, who have a lively appreciation of the nation's critical economic and financial condition, cannot attack Mr Butler's main proposals with any conviction. They know, as well as Mr Churchill and his colleagues, that new burdens and additional sacrifices by the entire country cannot be avoided. Mr Gaitskell found cause to utter one warning: he believes that there will be a general demand among the lower-income workers for increased wages to make good higher living costs which must result from cuts in the subsidies. Even so, Mr Gaitskell expresses his warning more in sorrow than anger. Not so Mr Arthur Horner, the Communist secretary of the National Union of Mineworkers. He adopts a sinister attitude and is urging that trade unionists should indulge in industrial action to force the Government to change its policies. Mr Horner says: "If the Tories persist in the application of the measures they have enunciated, the workers will soon be fighting not with overtime but with normal time."

In other words he would have the workers down tools altogether in an effort to coerce the Government. "We shall never give up our right to withhold our labour" declares Horner. Such a right in such a cause does not exist. Every man may strike to better his industrial position, but no man may withhold his labour in order to reverse the verdict of the people at the polls. Mr Horner, in fact, is not claiming the right to strike, but the right to set up an alternative Government which would rule not by democratic process but by dictatorial force. But he forgets that in Britain sovereignty belongs not to a caucus but to the people.

MR Horner appears to be thinking back to 1926 when trade unionists staged their General Strike, and he probably believes that because the Socialist Government in 1947 repealed the Trade Disputes Act, he has been given the green light to try to persuade British workers to take new unconstitutional action. It is to the credit of the sound Labour leaders that they remain on the side of the Constitution. The Trades Union Council are well aware that Mr Horner and his associates are agitating from sinister motives. Mr Horner advocates direct action not as a trade union leader but as a Communist. He speaks with two voices, as do other Red union leaders. But there is good reason to feel confident that the wiser, heads of the majority of British trade unionists will reject them. The first loyalty of British citizens is not to an alien and tyrannical creed, but to their own country and people.

Kitten Marooned In Tree-Top: Four Days Of Rescue Efforts Fail

Police and firemen today admitted the defeat of their efforts to rescue a kitten which has been marooned 60 feet above the roof tops of Montmartre since Monday.

"Michou," a tiny, black kitten, leaped from the roof of an old house to the topmost branch of a tree in the courtyard. Then it could not get down and has since mewed continuously. Its owner wanted the Police to hoist a man out of a window to bring it down. But the

Police Commissioner said, "We could not risk a man's life for a cat." Firemen tried next but they could not get their extending ladder into the courtyard. Meanwhile, tenants of the house split into two camps. Some wanted to throw things to stop Michou mewing at night.

Others threatened revenge if it were harmed. The Animals Defence Society threatens anyone who displaced Michou with the "Cruelly To Animals Act." So the Police and firemen have passed the problem to the Society to tackle themselves. —Reuter.

Acheson Emphasises Gravity Of Situation In Far East

URGES CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF MUTUAL AID PROGRAMME

Washington, Mar. 13. The situation in the Far East was "of the utmost gravity," Mr Dean Acheson, United States Secretary of State, told Congress today. It was his "hope and belief that the struggle to restore peace to Korea and Indo-China will be successful," Mr Acheson added, but America could not "close its eyes to the tremendous potentialities for danger which exist throughout the area."

Mr Acheson was testifying before the joint meeting of the Foreign Affairs Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives which today took up consideration of President Truman's \$7,900,000,000 mutual aid programme.

Mr Acheson said that during the past year the United States had made "good progress toward laying a basis for long-term security in Asia and the Pacific."

Another speaker was Mr Robert Lovett, the Defence Secretary, who laid the emphasis on Indo-China and Formosa.

Mr Lovett said that a substantial increase in Indo-China aid was needed "because if the situation there can be cleared up not only will Southeast Asia be stabilised but the French position in Europe and thereby the entire NATO defences will be measurably improved."

There was also a great deal to be done to "secure the integrity" of Formosa, he added. The first speaker was Mr Averell Harriman, Director of the Mutual Security Agency, who warned that "repelling cuts" in the foreign aid proposals would threaten America's own security and jeopardise the Atlantic Pact build-up.

A major cut would be a "major victory for the Soviet leaders in the Kremlin," he declared.

FUNDS EARMARKED

He told the Committees that more than \$5,000,000,000 of the proposed funds were earmarked to build up the planned 50 division Atlantic Pact army, under General Eisenhower this year and about \$1,800,000,000 would be used for defence support materials—raw materials and machinery—for Europe generally.

Mr Harriman said that most of the military assistance to Europe would be in the form of guns, tanks and planes in the United States. But the Government also expected to place about \$1,000,000,000 (£357,000,000) of military contracts in Western Europe's factories in the next year.

Southeast Asia, he said, was in "immediate danger" and the programme included \$311,000,000 for military assistance to this area. Substantial amounts were for Indo-China and the Chinese Nationalists on Formosa, and the balance would be used in the Philippines and other areas "where Communist minorities are a severe threat."

Under the programme \$62,000,000 in military assistance was earmarked for Latin America. Less than 10 per cent of the total funds requested were proposed for technical and economic assistance in the Middle East, Asia, Africa and Latin America.

"In nations like India, Pakistan and Iran our economic and technical assistance programmes are of substantial size to meet the needs of an urgent situation," he said.

"If there were no danger of internal subversion we could probably carry out programmes of technical co-operation in these countries at a slower pace and would not have to spread them up with considerable quantities of equipment and supplies from the United States. But we do not have the time. We cannot afford to risk doing it the slow way in these areas."

The total cost of such aid for the area was estimated at \$227,000,000 and \$141,000,000 more was requested for refugee relief and re-settlement programmes in Israel and the Arab States.

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"The strategic geographical position of the area, as well as the vitally important raw materials such as tin and rubber which it supplies, make it important for us to maintain an effective support of the gallant effort which the French and Associated States are making," he said.

FORMOSA'S INTEGRITY

There was also a great deal to be done to "secure the integrity" of Formosa, he added. Progress was being made in helping to solve the unique situation of an island populated by only 7,000,000 people called upon to support a garrison of several hundred thousand defenders.

Mr Acheson, who spoke next, said, "A cut in the programme does not mean a shift of the burden. It means a cut in the results obtainable. There is no escape from this conclusion."

The United States had been working with the vast new forces of unity and cohesion which were developing in Europe, Mr Acheson added. They had now come to the point when it was possible to put aside the destructive rivalries which had divided Europe for centuries.

In their place could be created a united Europe which would give enduring and underlying strength not only to the immediate task of creating a defence force but to the European community itself. "This is what we have been working for," Mr Acheson said.

"This has been the consistent goal of the Congress, the Administration and the American people since the war."

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During the past year the United States had made "good progress toward laying a basis for long-term security in Asia and the Pacific."

General Omar Bradley reported that the United States had shipped more than 2,500,000 tons of military supplies to overseas allies within the past two years.—Reuter.

The French Crisis FINANCIAL MEASURES APPROVED

Paris, Mar. 13. The French National Assembly tonight voted the first two of a series of financial measures proposed by the new French Premier, M. Antoine Pinay.

It adopted by 301 votes to 101 (Communist) two conventions concluded between the Finance Minister and the Governor of the Bank of France.

The first will enable the Bank of France to concede for one year \$25,000,000 worth of gold to the exchange stabilisation fund.

The other convention will grant extra delay to the Treasury for repayment of the Bank of France's advance of \$25,000,000,000 against Treasury bonds.

The repayment has thus been postponed from March 20 to May 15.

The advance was made on February 20 when Premier Edgar Faure's cabinet fell when the Treasury was threatened with the necessity of having to suspend payments.

Speaking before the National Assembly, M. Pinay said that the Government was not considering any further expenditure but that it had to steady military needs and requirements of the Indo-China war. He declared that fresh financial measures would be announced next Tuesday.

He also said that an international decision was restoring to France \$25,000,000 worth of gold recovered from Germany and that the organisation for European economic co-operation would tomorrow grant a \$100,000,000 loan to France.

M. Pinay added that the new Government was taking serious measures to combat temporary financial crisis. It was dealing, he said, with price problems and budgetary questions.—France-Press.

New Oil Pipeline



An Arab artisan prepares the end of a 30-inch pipe for lining up and welding on the new 560-mile Iraq pipeline from Kirkuk to Basra, which by April of this year, and six months ahead of schedule, will be ready to go into operation. Along this pipeline the Iraq Petroleum Company will send 14,000,000 tons of crude oil a year to add to the 8,000,000 tons already being pumped along the smaller lines to Tripoli in Lebanon, almost tripling the country's contribution to the world oil supply.—London Express.

Growing Apprehension Over Likely Effects Of The Budget

London, Mar. 13. Representative bodies of British working classes all over the country yesterday made an assessment of the cumulative effects of the new budget on their finances.

They generally agreed, according to reports received here, that the proposals would result in a "serious rise in the cost of living and hit harder the lower paid workers."

The General Council of the Scottish Trades Union Congress, after a meeting at Glasgow yesterday, issued a statement deploring the main provisions of the budget "which are designed to hit hardest at the lower paid workers."

It said, "The savage cut in the food subsidies will not be compensated by the increased family allowance."

The higher bank rate would mean increasing local rates and might also raise rents. It was bound to cripple many smaller industrial concerns and thus provoke an increase in unemployment, the Council added.

The 10-man Economic Committee of the 8,000,000-strong Trades Union Congress, meeting in London, branded the budget as a "packet of trouble."

Before the meeting Mr Arthur Deakin, the Chairman, declared that the effect of cutting aside the policy of maintaining subsidies to stabilise prices must be an increase in living costs. He added that this would not be offset by the suggested increase in State family allowances.

Miners at a Scottish colliery staged a one-day "token" strike against the budget yesterday.

Twenty-five thousand South Wales miners decided to continue their ban on Saturday work as an anti-budget protest, according to one newspaper report.

The increased tax on fuel oil and petrol was considered by various transport interests.

In London the Motor Cab Proprietors' Association and Taxi Fleet Operators' Federation described the increase as a "mortal blow." They said that since fares could not be increased to the public, many cabs were likely to be taken out of service.

200 TAXIS SOLD. One report said that 200 London taxis were sold yesterday alone to firms in the home counties and the provinces and that about 3,000 taxis would be for sale in the next three months.

15 Years For Smuggler

San Francisco, Mar. 13. A 15-year prison sentence was handed out today to a 67-year-old man accused of helping to bring into this country \$300,000 worth of heroin from Hongkong.

Federal Judge George B. Harris pronounced the sentence on James H. Carroll, also known as John R. Brown.

Carroll was convicted of aiding in the importation of a substantial amount of the drug in hollowed-out magnums. Customs Collector Leake said the retail value of the drug was half a million dollars.

A. J. Hennessy, attorney for Carroll, pleaded for probation but Judge Harris denied it and imposed the 15-year sentence when shown records that Carroll had been convicted three times in narcotics cases.—Associated Press.

Doubts About "Miracle" Photographs

Vatican City, Mar. 13. The Vatican newspaper Osservatore Romano today admitted the possibility of falsification in photographs allegedly showing the "greatest miracle in the recent history of the Catholic Church."

The paper said that two photographs it published four months ago may have shown an atmospheric phenomenon instead of the miracle.

The photographs were intended to show the sun revolving wildly above the Portuguese village of Fatima where the Virgin Mary was said to have appeared six times in 1917 to three village children.

The paper said that at the time the photographs had been "rigorously authenticated."

The paper today declared that the photographs were handed to it with authentication by accredited and trustworthy persons. "If despite all this the photographs, as is claimed, are not authentic—something which we could not doubt—it is clear that our good faith was abused."—Reuter.

CZECH PREMIER MYSTERY

Vienna, Mar. 13. Where is Czechoslovakia's Communist Premier, Antonin Zapotocky?

Has he been purged, is he in Moscow or merely sick? Western diplomats in Vienna asked these questions today as evidence accumulated that Zapotocky has disappeared from public life, at least for the time being.—Associated Press.

At Teboulba a railway line was sabotaged and at Mokline telephone lines and poles were cut.—Associated Press.

Villagers' Mass Suicide Pact

Tignes, Mar. 13. The tough lumberjack population of this tiny Savoy village was in a state of undeclared war with France today, threatening to oppose a steel and cement wall menacing their homes with a wall of human bodies.

The village's 600 inhabitants stubbornly refuse to leave their homes, soon to become the bed of a huge artificial lake behind a dam which engineers label as Europe's biggest.

The authorities said today that the date for flooding the area, which would then seal off a narrow canyon about one and a half miles wide from Tignes down to the Isère River Valley, was "irrevocably" set at March 15. With only 48 hours to go only a handful of the villagers have left for what will remain dry ground. The rest have resolved to fight it out with the authorities if it is decided to evacuate them by force.

Sixty of them have concluded a mass suicide pact, declaring, "We would rather die than go."

FRIEST LEAVES. The village priest said the last Mass on Sunday—and celebrated the last marriage, then left for another parish.

But strong hands are ready to swing the church bell and sound the alarm through the snow-covered valley at the first sight of gunsmoke.

When they learned that a bulldozer was "rattling" down and swerving toward the village cemetery on Wednesday a human wall sprang up in front of the machine.

"The bodies of our dead are sacred," a spokesman for the crowd said. "If you wish to level off the graves—go ahead, but only over our bodies."

The authorities called off the operation but said that the cemetery and the church will soon be 180 feet under water.—United Press.

State Of Siege Declared

Tunis, Mar. 13. A state of siege was declared on Thursday in Gabes, southern port town, as French officials sought the persons responsible for a bomb blast which killed seven and wounded 15 others on Wednesday.

Other acts of sabotage marked the day in Tunisia, where there have been disorders since January in support of national demands for more home rule.

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Bloodless Action By French Forces In Indo-China

Saigon, Mar. 13.

It was announced today that the large-scale cleaning-up operation in the region occupied by the dissident forces of General Trinh Minh The had been completed by French Union forces.

An official French communiqué said the operation started on March 4. Five battalions of French Union troops, composed of naval forces and parachute commandos, attacked in the region of Baoco, 50 miles northwest of Saigon.

Shortly before the operation started, the territory occupied by the dissident religious group was heavily bombed by French Union aircraft to soften the terrain.

When Franco-Vietnamese troops arrived, they found 1,500 dissident Caoist soldiers

had flown, abandoning the camp and their supplies, leaving approximately 100 rebels who surrendered to the French troops.

The French communiqué said the operation cost no loss of life on either side but deprived the rebel elements of large stocks of arms, ammunition and food which would seriously curtail their activities.

BOMB OUTRAGES

The French authorities claimed that the Caoist General Trinh Minh The was responsible for the recent bomb outrages in Saigon, when several persons were killed in explosions.

Trinh Minh The was originally a member of the ultra-nationalist Caoist religious sect under the command of President Tran Van Huu, but broke away from the main group because he opposed Tran Van Huu's policy.

The Caoist President, Tran Van Huu, has recently been negotiating for participation in the Vietnam Government but no agreement has yet been reached.—United Press.

Oil Drilling In Cyprus

Nicosia, Mar. 13.

Oil drilling is being resumed near Limassol, Cyprus, on Monday following the sale by the British Army of 4,000 feet of six-inch pipes to Cypriot prospectors.

Drilling was suspended recently because the pipes were needed to hold shaft walls. Nearly £75,000 has already been spent on the enterprise. It is hoped that oil will be reached at about 4,000 feet within one and a half months.—Reuters.

Lick and promise!



REPUBLIC OF INDIA AT CRITICAL POINT IN HER HISTORY Report By Acheson

Washington, Mar. 13.

Mr Dean Acheson, Secretary of State, declared today that India was the most striking example of the need for urgent and effective action under the Point Four Programme.

In the course of an address to Congress on President Truman's request for \$7,900,000,000 in foreign aid, Mr Acheson said that the Republic of India was at a critical point in its history.

The recent elections there had shown some startling, revealing and important things, Mr Acheson said.

Although the Congress Party had won by a substantial majority, the Communists showed unexpected strength.

This was attributable, he added, to the discontent of many of the people over the abject poverty and hopelessness of their lives.

This discontent was being fanned by a constant flow of Communist propaganda and subversion.

"The advice of all our observers on the ground is that, unless the newly-formed independent Government under Prime Minister Nehru can show substantial progress in economic development over the next five years, the likelihood is that in the next elections the moderate forces will be endangered either by the extremists of the right or by the Communists," Mr Acheson said.

FOOD PROBLEM

The effort to avert this catastrophe centred chiefly on the food problem, he added.

The Government of India, fortunately, had the foresight and courage to take heroic measures to overcome her food shortage.

India had set for itself the goal of self-sufficiency in food at the end of four years and it was already clear from work done in India—some of it under the Point Four Programme—that the goal was technically possible.

India was devoting vast sums to the task of accomplishing a revolution in agricultural practices, health, sanitation and education.

She would be substantially aided by sister nations in the Commonwealth and would receive technical assistance and loans from various United Nations agencies and the benefit of private investment.

But with all these assets she would not be able to achieve her goal without help from the United States in terms of technical advice and substantial amounts of supplies and equipment.—Reuters.

Regent's Park Zoo Has The Hump

London, Mar. 13.

Will a camel with a "floppy" hump attract visitors to London Zoo this year? Officials think not.

Minnie the camel is expecting a happy event next month, and if Minnie's baby lives it will be the first camel to be born and reared there.

The floppy hump? Oh, yes—for several days baby camels haven't the strength to support the hump, so it flops to one side.

But the Zoo authorities are looking for another star attraction like Brumas, the polar bear born two years ago, and somehow a camel with a floppy hump doesn't seem to fit the bill.

"A baby camel is not cuddly," one of the officials said. "And a baby animal has to be cuddly to fetch the public."

Brumas attracted an extra million visitors and brought in an extra £40,000.

The Zoo needs something, say the authorities, for last year, without a star attraction, attendance figures dropped from 3,000,000 to 1,900,000.

The only hope at the moment is litters of lion cubs in late summer.

It's enough to give the Zoo officials the hump.

Flood Threatens Power Station

Livingstone, Mar. 13.

Rising floods from the Zambezi River, which has reached a record height, are threatening a power station near the foot of the Victoria Falls, Northern Rhodesia.

The Victoria Falls Electric City Board was warned that electricity supplies may be stopped by the waters of the swollen river seeping into the power station.

At the present rate of progress, the crest of the flood is expected to reach the Falls in four or five days. If more rain should fall in that time the result may be disastrous.—Reuters.

INQUEST ON RETIRED OFFICER

Leicester, Mar. 13.

A verdict of accidental death was recorded at a Leicester inquest today on Major Thomas Guy Frederick Page, 65, who was killed in the hunting field.

Death was due to a broken neck.

Major Michael Griskell, Field Secretary of Fernie Hunt, of which Major Page was a member, said that Major Page was a retired major of the Scots Guards, Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire and a Justice of the Peace.

The hunt on which he had gone out was near Major Page's home.

They failed to find a fox and on the return trip it was necessary for some of the horses to jump a fence.

Major Page's horse in taking the jump pitched onto its head and threw the rider onto the road.—Reuters.

SELLING OUT IN MALAYA

Kuala Lumpur, Mar. 13.

European owner companies are selling their rubber estates in Malaya because they have no confidence in the country's future, the Incorporated Society of Planters said today in its official publication, The Planter.

The Society said: "Whether this lack of confidence is entirely due to the emergency and the Communist threat is not clear."—Reuters.

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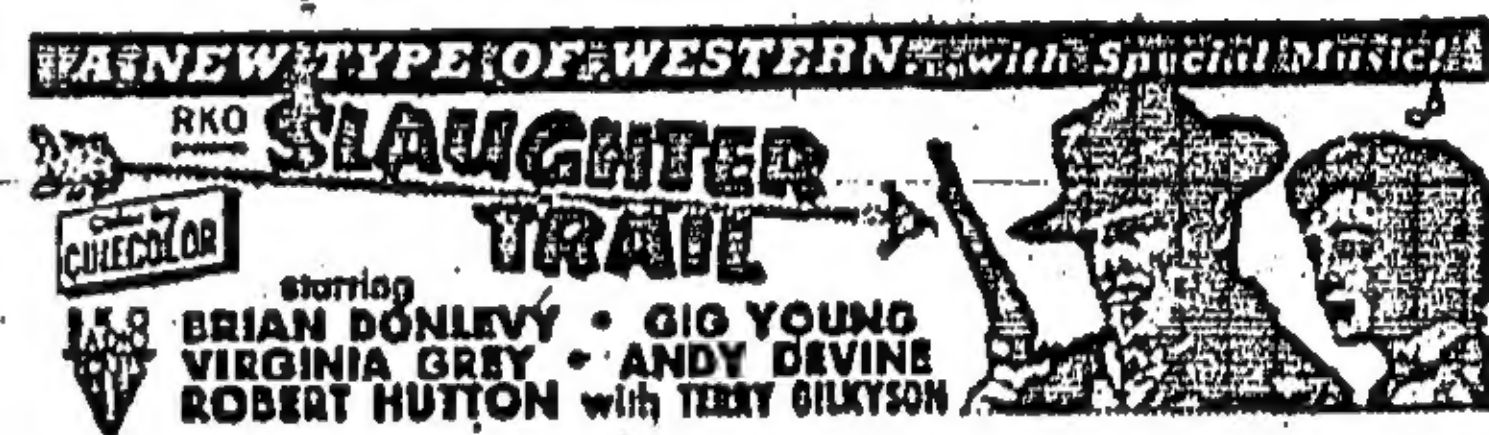
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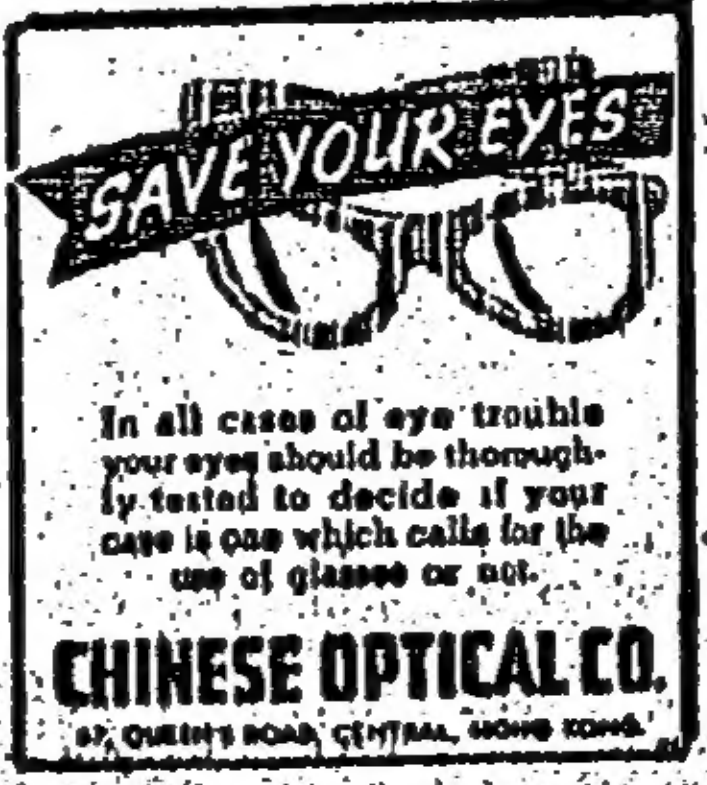
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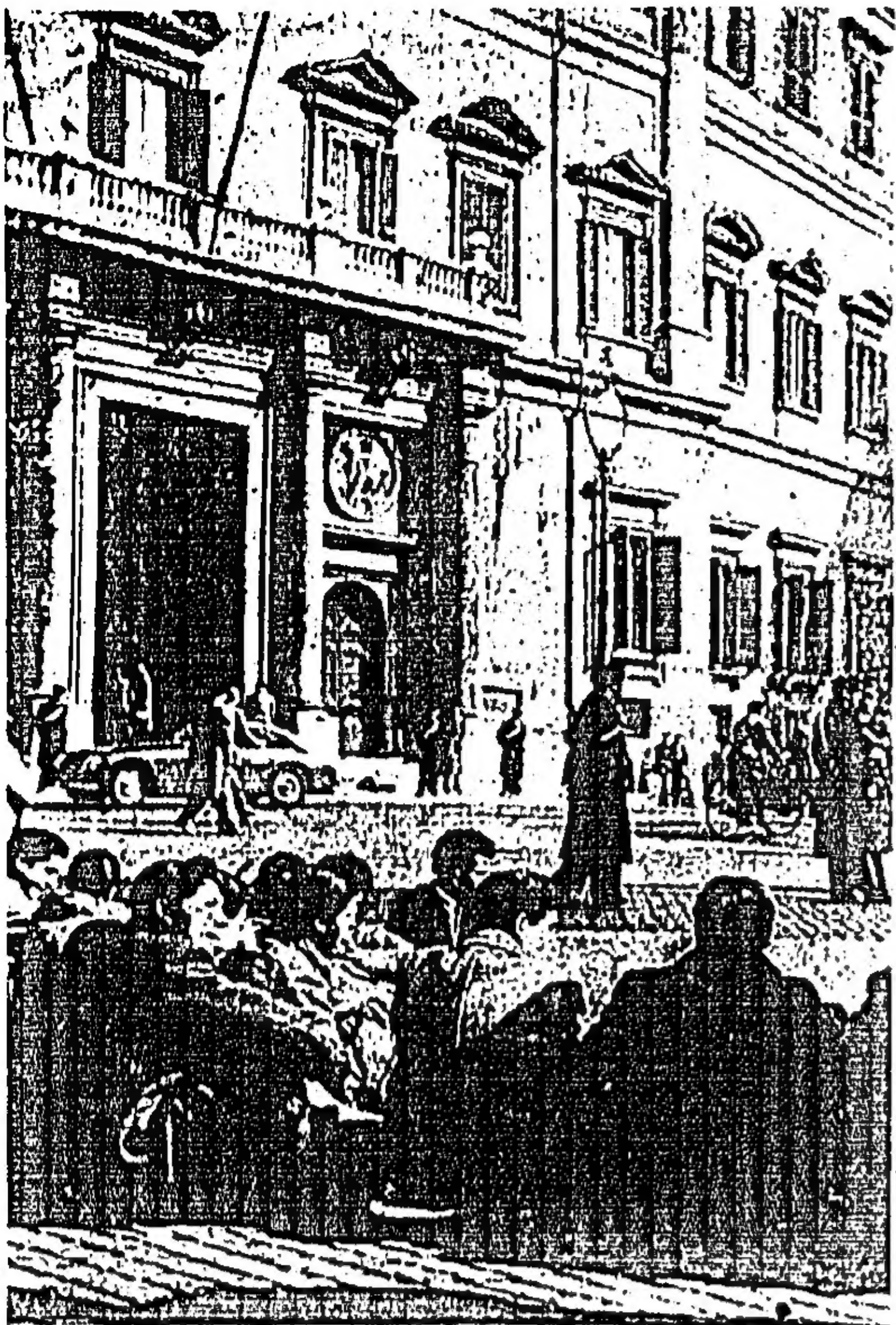
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STUDENTS STAGE
A SIT-DOWN

As a protest against some of their examinations, students stage a sit-down strike in a Rome street. Police stand by in case of disturbances.—Express Service.

Attempt On
Everest

Geneva, Mar. 13. An advance party of five of the Swiss 12-man expedition to climb Mount Everest left Geneva for Bombay by air today.

The remaining members, including the leader, M. Edouard Wyss-Dunant, will leave next Thursday.

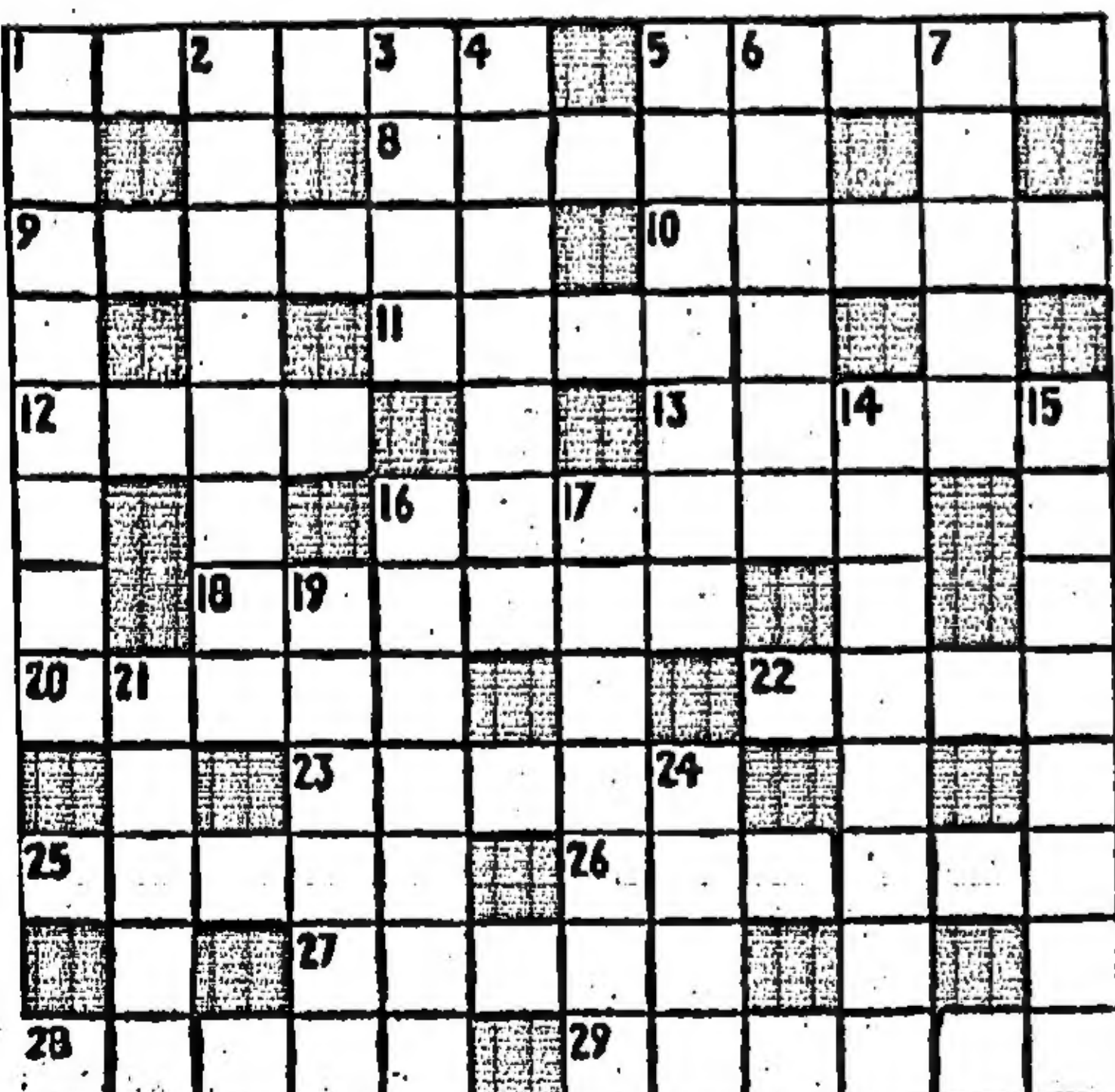
The advance party will organise the 120 porters needed for the expedition and buy the necessary supplies.

The Swiss expedition will be joined in Bombay by Professor R. N. Rhauli, noted Indian Himalayan expert, who will act as liaison between the Swiss and the Nepalese.—Reuter.

Harbour Strike

Montevideo, Mar. 13. A 48-hour strike by over 3,000 workers in Montevideo port has reduced activity to a minimum. The workers seek a six-hour day and higher wages.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS.**
- Execute (6).
 - Jeer (5).
 - Lords (5).
 - Tub (6).
 - Show in (5).
 - Stupid (5).
 - Animal's home (4).
 - Remains (5).
 - Command (6).
 - Letting contracts (6).
 - Aroma (5).
 - Singer (5).
 - Stalks (5).
 - Revolving under-carriage (5).
 - Irritates (6).
 - Fireplace (6).
 - Coln (5).
 - Card suit (6).
- DOWN.**
- Given to drinking (8).
 - Dreadful (8).
 - Imitated (4).
 - Takes out (7).
 - Ties up (7).
 - Properly (6).
 - In Want (5).
 - Fond of (6).
 - Keeps oneself alive (8).
 - Military unit (7).
 - They live alone (7).
 - Flag (6).
 - Neat (5).
 - Pace (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 3 Pith, 7 Eager, 8 Idol, 9 Slog, 10 Replace, 12 Hard, 15 Abuse, 18 Cram, 19 Range, 21 Crust, 22 Pert, 23 Elect, 26 Nuts, 29 Attired, 30 Tips, 31 Mite, 32 Haven, 33 Mink, Down: 1 Caper, 2 Declare, 4 Idles, 6 High, 8 Poor, 9 Sown, 11 Abate, 13 Aunt, 14 Drew, 16 Erect, 17 Bean, 18 Curt, 20 Arish, 22 Pals, 24 Japan, 25 Layer, 27 Pile, 28 Sien.

Tito Renews Pledge
Of Opposition
To The Soviet

Belgrade, Mar. 13.

Marshal Tito, in a statement here today, categorically denied what he described as "rumours" that Yugoslavia's present pro-Western policy was merely a manoeuvre.

"Our policy is not a manoeuvre and we are not hiding behind a mask, so these rumours do not correspond to the truth," he said.

"Yugoslavia's stand and its policy are completely in accord with its aspirations and principles."

The statement was made in a private interview with Mr Paul Ginsberg, National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States.

Progress
Of Asia
Aid Scheme

London, Mar. 13.

Mr John Foster, Commonwealth Relations Under-Secretary, told in a Parliamentary answer today that a report was expected to be issued after the Ministerial meeting of the Colombo Plan in Karachi on March 24.

This report would set out in detail, among other things, the progress made to date on the programmes of the individual countries concerned.

"Full and detailed information on such progress is not at the moment available in the United Kingdom. I understand, however, that many of the projects included in the programmes are now under way," Mr Foster said.

The Commonwealth Finance Ministers' Conference in London in January had emphasised the need for developing the productive power of the Sterling Area, he declared.

Several British officials have already flown from London to attend the preparatory official level talks in Karachi.

The British officials are headed by Mr A. C. B. Symon, of the Commonwealth Relations Office, and include Mr A. H. M. Hillis, of the Treasury, and economic and financial experts from the Board of Trade and the Treasury.

The agenda for the Ministerial discussions will include:

1.—Review of the progress of the Colombo Plan.

2.—Consideration of any alterations in the six-year development programmes in the light of economic and financial changes since they were drawn up.

3.—Examination of detailed individual development programmes for the first two years.

General Bradley told the Senate and the House Foreign Affairs and the Armed Forces Committee that the American people had waited to see tangible results of the money previously voted by the Congress.

Planes, ships and guns were low on their way to the nations benefitting from American aid and more than two and a half million tons of military equipment had already been sent abroad.

General Bradley said the entire mutual security programme for 1952-53 would cost only a little more than what one month of World War II had cost and that the purely military part of the programme was much less costly than one month of the last war.—France-Press.

Van Riebeeck
Fair Opened

Capetown, Mar. 13. About 5,000 people, including the South African Prime Minister, Dr Daniel Malan, members of his Cabinet and representatives from the Diplomatic Corps, attended the opening ceremony here today of the Van Riebeeck Festival Fair.

The Fair is part of the Van Riebeeck celebrations commemorating 300 years of white settlement in South Africa.

The Festival was opened by the Governor-General, Dr Ernest George Jansen.

He said: "The whole of South Africa participates wholeheartedly in the Van Riebeeck Festival. As the pioneer of a nation, Jan Van Riebeeck does not typify only one part of our multi-racial population. He was the first Afrikaaner, and the commemoration of the establishment of the Cape Settlement 300 years ago is an event which can be participated in by every man, woman and child in South Africa."—Reuter.

Pakistan-Iraq
Conversations

Baghdad, Mar. 13. Dr Mohammed Faki Jamali, former Iraqi Minister of Foreign Affairs and leader of the Iraqi delegation to the United Nations, left Baghdad today by air for Karachi to meet Sir Mohammed Zafarullah Khan, the Pakistan Foreign Minister.

Dr Jamali declined to say anything about the object of his trip but informed political quarters believe that the two statements will cover Iraq-Pakistan mediation in the Anglo-Egyptian problem, and the submission of the Tunisian question to the United Nations.—Reuter.

Statement On
German
Debts Today

London, Mar. 13. Officials discussing Germany's external debts held further committee talks here today to prepare for tomorrow's plenary session of the London Debts Settlement Conference.

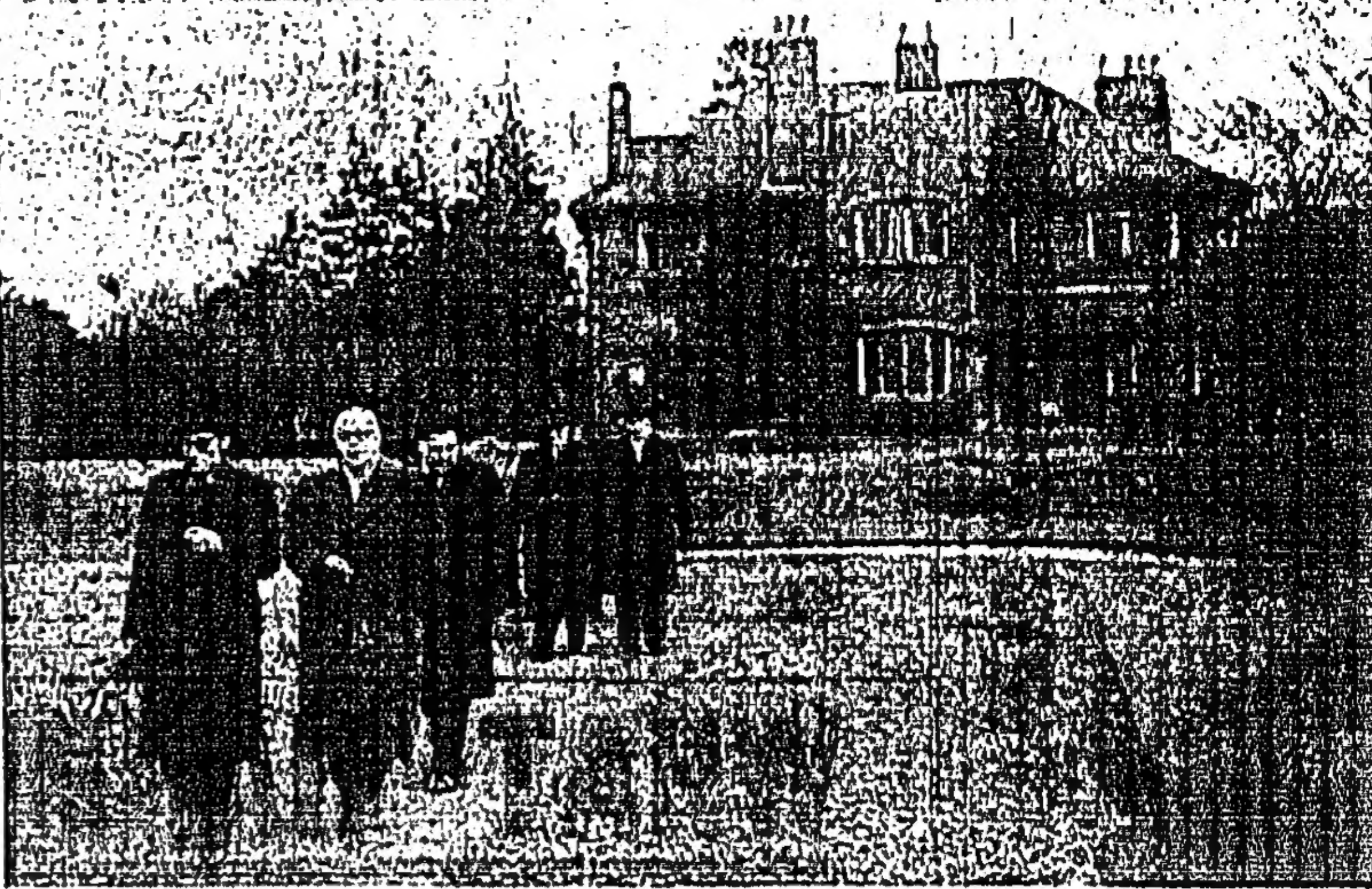
Some 180 representatives of 28 nations are then expected to hear the first results of the complicated negotiations covering some \$6,300 million which began on Feb. 23.

The opening phase is understood to have been concerned mainly with the larger debts, including the pre-war Dawes and Young Loans.

The three-power Commission directing the talks believes that early agreement on such debts would greatly facilitate an overall settlement.

The Commission intends that a series of specific settlement terms should be agreed during the London talks between the creditors and debtors.

These would then be incorporated in an inter-governmental agreement stating that the German Federal Government will not make or permit foreign exchange payments on pre-war external debts except to persons or interests participating in the settlement.—Reuter.

On A Visit To
Shaw's Corner

Senior West German Government officials, visiting Britain for a fortnight as guests of the Foreign Office, shown on a visit to "Shaw's Corner," at Ayot St. Lawrence, home of the late George Bernard Shaw.—Express Service.

Revision Of U.S.
Immigration Law
Shelved By House

Washington, Mar. 13.

The House leadership today sidetracked indefinitely a hotly controversial bill revising the Immigration Laws.

Debate on the bill originally had been set to start today, but the majority leader, John McCormack (Democrat-Massachusetts) announced it would not be taken up this week or next week.

Red Cross
Willing To
Investigate
Red Charges

Geneva, Mar. 13. The International Red Cross has agreed to an American request to send a commission to Korea to investigate Communist allegations that the United Nations forces are engaging in germ warfare.

Today the International Committee called Mr Dean Acheson, the United States Secretary of State, General Kim Il-sung, North Korean Premier, and General Peng Te-huah, Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese volunteers, asking their approval for the Commission.

The Commission would consist of Swiss scientists as well as scientists from Asian countries not engaged in the fighting.

The International Red Cross was asked to take this action by Mr Acheson on Tuesday.

In a personal letter to Mr Paul Ruegger, President of the International Committee, Mr Acheson denied Communist charges and suggested that a Red Cross investigation be carried out to determine the nature and extent of the North Korean epidemic and its real cause.

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German Officers Training
Egyptian
Forces

Cairo, Mar. 13.

A handful of German Army officers, including at least one general, are advising the Egyptian Army on training and various staff and organisational duties, authoritative sources said today.

The general, an expert in armoured warfare, has been assigned to the newly-formed armoured units of the Egyptian Army. Other Germans are acting as technical advisers in a number of Army departments.

The authoritative sources said there was no truth in the report that the German force was a prelude to a possible second round to the Israeli war of that it was famed with the intention of ultimately using it against Britain.

The only Germans at present engaged as officers, whose duties consist of acting as special technical advisers to some Egyptian Army departments and to newly-formed units, including the armoured ones, the sources said.

Pending a possible new defence agreement between the West and Egypt, there has been little chance for Egypt to get either technical assistance or war equipment from Britain or any other Western Power.

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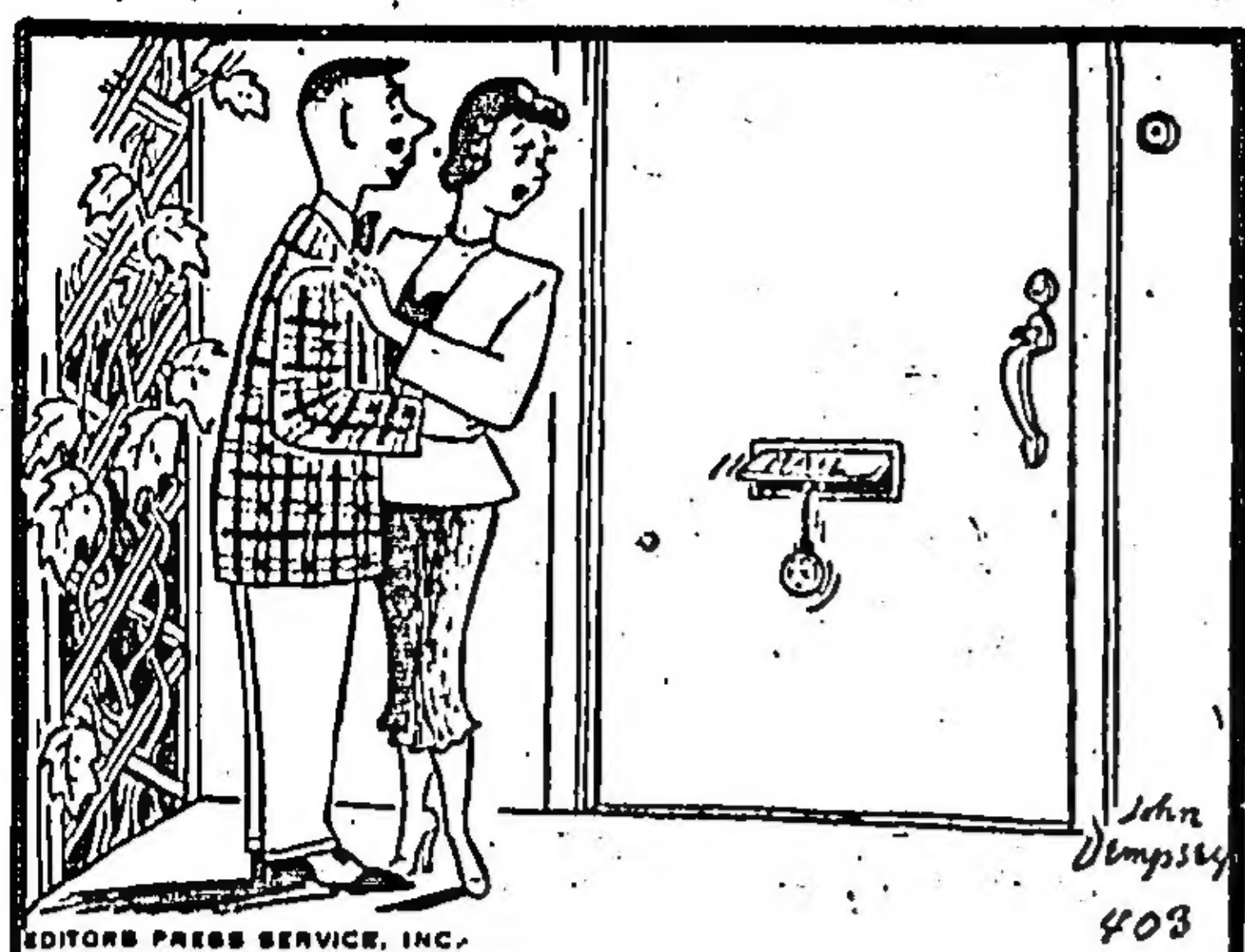
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BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

I LIKED the suggestion, on this page the other day, that we in this country do not make enough fuss about sport. If this is so, I blame the unsentimental "fans".

"Sport" in form may satisfy the regular followers of football, but it will not stir the interest of people who usually ignore the sporting columns. These people must be attracted through their imagination. "Three Turkish Women To Play For Sunderland" would probably arrest the eye, and compel even the unsentimental to read on. And if it be objected that people would soon discover that the headline had no reference at all to what followed, I reply that only reading on could they discover this.

Boppersham's Captured

ANY normally curious person, seeing "Twelve Goals For Glasgow In Three Minutes" would think there was more football than in his head. He would suspect a highbrow could resist. "Film Star Heads Refugee Through Goal" or "Sheffield Wednesday Barks Barked For Goals" would not.

Marginal note
I SEE that a lot of forged old masters have come to light. As

YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

BORN today, the stars have given you exceptional talent in some particular field—music, mathematics, science, art, or literature. It is up to you to progress in the one that appeals to you most. For by following your natural bent, your tremendous energies will be put to instant use. Concentrate on some one objective rather than spreading your interests over too wide a field for the best success.

It cannot be said that you are a traditionalist. Although you desire a knowledge of the past, you are much more interested in future trends. You probably will experiment in some field and develop some new ideas that eventually should be accepted. This may take time; so do not be impatient if the success you dream of is a little slow in arriving. When it does come, it is likely to outlive you and influence the generations to come.

You appear to be particularly susceptible to the influence of the moon and will do your best work when it is in good aspect to you. It may be that your dreams will prove significant. Pay attention to them. Also heed your intuitions, for they are especially acute.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding horoscope. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20). Don't take that backward look. Make plans and take care of daily routine just now.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20). There may be temporary setbacks, but if you are persistently optimistic, they can be overcome.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21). Might be a good time to hold open house for a group of congenial friends.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21). Advertising, promotion and publicity are fields in which you are especially favored today.

CANCER (June 22-July 23). Plan an evening at home with close friends. It can be fun being host or hostess.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23). Better not rely upon others, but make real progress through your own efforts. Plan ahead.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23). Clarify all issues. Know where you stand so that next week can be a highly productive one.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23). Solve money difficulties by careful budgeting. You can make ends meet with some left over.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23). It is important just at present to keep up appearances. Make additions to your wardrobe.

BARBS

By HAL COCHRAN

SOME kids think home life is just tied up in a series of nuts.

You can judge a man's temperament by his hands, says a palmitist. Especially when they're doubled up.

Most of your biggest troubles are so small other people can't see them.

"Teachers Strike for More Pay"—headline. Those who teach children to be smart are getting smart themselves.

The golfer often is known by the clubs he belongs to rather than the clubs that belong to him.

Check Your Knowledge

1. What is the name given to a word which agrees with another in sound and sometimes in spelling but differs from it in meaning?
2. Is Hudson River in the same locality as Hudson Bay?
3. Why is a connoisseur so called?
4. Astrakhan is the fur of what animal?
5. What is an asteroid?
6. Of what state in the U.S. is Atlanta the capital?

(Answers on Page 10)

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Use Some Persuasion To Make a Contract

NORTH (D) 24			
AKJ9			
AJ1065			
54			
KQ2			
WEST			
7			
12			
K7982			
109874			
EAST			
432			
KQ863			
Q1065			
54			
SOUTH			
AQ10865			
4			
A7			
A653			
Both sides vul.			
North	East	South	West
1	Pass	1	Pass
2	Pass	4	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—4 10			

By OSWALD JACOBY

Generous George was playing the South hand. The contract was unmakeable until he persuaded one of the opponents to accept a little present.

West opened the ten of clubs, and dummy's hand with the queen. East's lack of clubs didn't bother declarer because dummy's hearts looked like the key to the trick.

At the second trick declarer cashed dummy's ace of hearts, and then he continued ruffing a heart. He got back to dummy by leading a trump to the nine, and proceeded to ruff his plan by ruffing another low heart.

West discarded the nine of diamonds on this trick, making it clear that no amount of ruffing could possibly establish dummy's hearts.

Generous George was not a bit discouraged. The contract would still be easy enough if each opponent had two trumps. He could enter dummy with a trump to the jack in order to ruff a third heart; and again with the king of clubs to cut out dummy's last heart.

He could then cash the ace of clubs and the ace of diamonds, leaving dummy with a high trump and one losing diamond.

George therefore led a low trump to dummy's jack, discovering that West had started with only one trump. The plan of ruffing out dummy's hearts had to be abandoned, since East would surely ruff a club.

That thought gave George an idea. He led the deuce of clubs from dummy.

East pounced on this trick with his four of trumps. "Forgot about this one, didn't you?" he gloated.

George just beamed jovially. The plan was now unmakeable. He won the diamond return with the ace, led a club to dummy's king, ruffed a heart, and cashed the ace of clubs to discard dummy's losing diamond.

The rest, of course, was easy. Now just try to make the claim if four discards on the deuce of clubs instead of ruffing. There are only eleven tricks, no matter what South goes.

TODAY'S QUESTION
The bidding has been:
North East South West
1 Heart Pass 1 Spade Pass
2 Clubs Pass
You, South, hold: Spades K-Q-A-5, 11; Hearts 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2; Clubs A-4. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow
A—Bid four clubs. Any response to three hearts means that you accept invitation to play in hearts. You will then know that your club bid was a mistake. But if you bid four clubs and your partner will then know that your club bid was a mistake. But if you bid four clubs and your partner will then know that your club bid was a mistake.

FORECASTS
By T. O. HARE
MR. RABBITT'S four daughters—Rachel, Becky, Lorna and Tiny—went in for a competition. Rabbits suggested that they should each try and forecast the order in which the four of them would be placed. He offered a prize for the best forecast.

Rabbits said: "Tiny will be first, Lorna, second, Becky, third, and Rachel last." Lorna said: "No, I shall be last. The order of the other three will be Rachel, Becky, and Tiny." Becky said: "I put Rachel first, Tiny will be second, and Becky will be third." Rachel said: "I'll be in the fastest, but I shall be a few marks ahead of Lorna."

Two girls shared Rabbits' prize: who were they?

(Solution on Page 10)

CHESS PROBLEM

By A. F. ARGUELLES and J. PERIS
Black, 6 pieces.

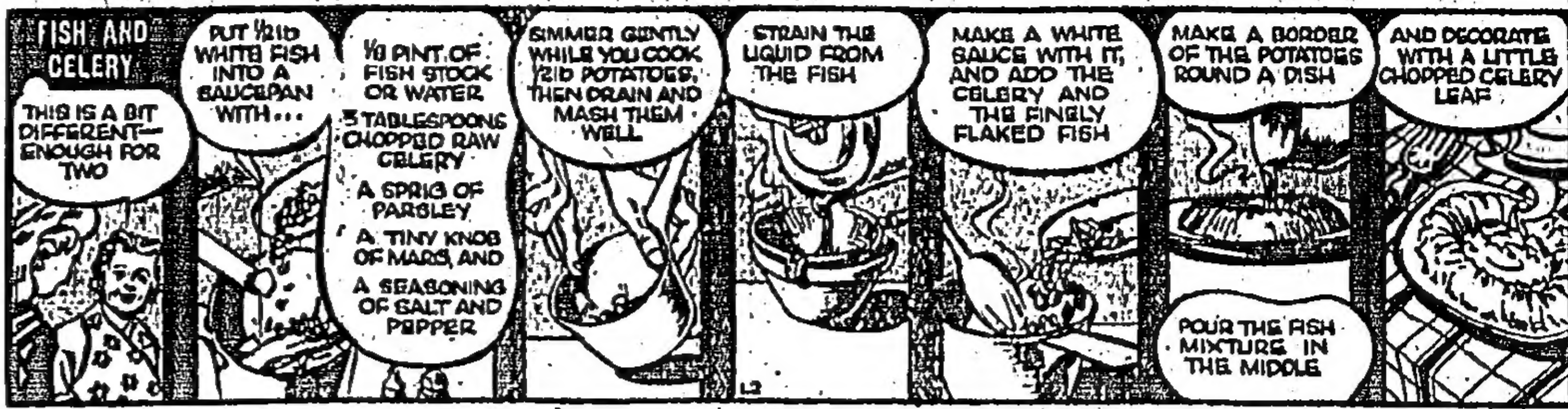
White, 11 pieces.
White to play: mate in two.
Solution to yesterday's problem: 1. K-K5, any; 2. Q, R, or K; mate.

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WOMANSENSE



How To Wash Damask Linens

By ELEANOR ROSS

IF you're like us, then chances are that, about now, the good linen damask table linen is getting a going-over prior to being stored away against the next formal table getting, which, in our case, won't be for quite a while.

It's not usually necessary to remove the usual stains before washing, especially if a chlorine bleach is used. Exceptions are heavy stains on fine pieces, and stains on coloured linens where a chlorine bleach cannot be used. A preliminary soaking for 20 minutes in clear, cool lukewarm water makes soil removal easier and more certain.

For a fine glossy finish, wash linens separately. Washed with cottons, they pick up cotton lint and get a fuzzy look that detracts from their gleaming surface.

Wash in hot water, 100 F. in a washer, or if by hand, in as hot water as the hands can stand. For very delicate, fine linens use a mild soap or synthetic detergent, softening water if necessary. Wash seven minutes in washer. A second rinsing may be in order if there are any grease spots. Rinse three times in water the same temperature as the wash water.

Unnecessary for ordinary soil, a chlorine bleach may be used if white linens are badly stained. Use about one tablespoon to a gallon of water, and mix thoroughly with soapy wash water before linens are put in. Such a bleach will usually remove the usual tea, coffee, wine and fruit stains, making it unnecessary to give special attention to each spot. Rinse immediately in at least three waters or until all bleach odour has entirely disappeared.

A light starch may be used to improve gloss, but a stiff finish is not desirable on really fine linen. Use a very light starch solution.

Irish linen is grown, spun and woven under damp, cool conditions. Dry, hot air destroys its natural spring and softness. The best way to dry linens, of course, is in the sunshine. If this is not possible, dry indoors over a line. If an automatic drier must be used, keep the air as near room temperature as possible.

Household Hint

To remove candle wax from a table, crumble off as much as can be removed, then hold an ice cube on it. Then scrape gently with the dull edge of a table knife. Be sure to wipe up any melted ice to prevent the finish from becoming water-spotted.

Variations In Temperature

By H. N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

WHAT is a normal temperature? The common answer, 98.6° F., does not mean this is the only temperature that is right for the individual person.

In a nervous man or woman who is under a strain, a temperature as high as 99.5° is likely to be normal and not a sign of fever.

Many times people worry when they find their temperature is slightly higher than usual. Often they have no need to worry. A person can have slight variations from his own normal temperature.

Different Conclusions

Throughout the years, various investigators have repeatedly reached different conclusions as to what is the normal temperature. All agree, however, that 98.6 is not necessarily right for everybody.

It is not recognized that no one can select a fixed temperature and call it right for an individual. We must learn to understand that the temperature can shift over a normal range. We shall then realize that the important thing is the shift of temperature away from the normal range, or back toward it.

There are several ways of taking the temperature—beneath the arm, in the mouth or in the rectum. The first two are subject to many errors.

It has been found that the difference between mouth and rectal temperatures is 0.8 of a degree. The normal rectal temperature of men in the morning can range from 97° to 99.3° F. In a woman, the rectal temperature may vary from 97.1° to 100.3° F.

Higher in Women

Temperatures normally may run a little higher in women than in men. An important fact, learned from a study of temperatures, is that nervous people under a strain may be expected to have high temperatures without having a fever. Such temperatures are perfectly normal for them.

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Tsui Brothers Enter Colony Doubles Final

Before a relatively larger crowd than that which saw the previous day's semi-final, the Tsui brothers, Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yun-pui, yesterday defeated the Lo brothers, Donald and Norman, by 8-6, 6-3, 2-6 and 6-2 to qualify for the final of the 1951-52 Colony Open Grasscourt Doubles Championship.

The match lasted 80 minutes and produced a fairly high standard of tennis, punctuated by some brilliant offensive shots by all four players.

Despite there being no less than 10 double faults throughout the match, the services of all four players were fairly good, with Norman Lo and Tsui Wai-pui particularly conspicuous.

Although defeated, and although still falling victims to their own errors, which were yesterday about twice as many as their opponents, the Lo boys showed in their performance yesterday that they have definitely made a step forward in their game.

Their counterpart was comparatively much better, their errors on the whole comparatively fewer and their strokes more killing than in previous appearances.

NOT AN EASY MATCH
The Tsui did not have an easy match yesterday, but their steadiness and experience stood them in good stead. Good generalship by Tsui Wai-pui at the critical stages was in a large measure responsible for their ability to get through the tight sets.

The first set saw a server's game until 3-3 when Donald lost a love game on his service. The Lo, however, broke through Tsui-pui's service after two deuces to draw even again.

At 6-6, Norman double-faulted twice on his service to concede the game to the Tsuis by 8-6. At 8-6, Tsui-pui closed the first set at 8-6 by holding his service.

In the second set, Donald again dropped his service at 2-2, and the Tsuis raced straight on to a 6-2 set.

At 3-2 in the third set, Wai-pui failed to hold his service game, double-faulting once in the course of the game, and from 4-2 the Los took their score to 6-2.

Donald lost his opening service in the fourth set, after a 40-30 lead and eventually after three deuces. This started the Tsuis on their 4-0 lead until Donald held his next service game.

Wai-pui increased his lead to 5-1 on his service, and although Norman reduced the deficit to 2-5, the Los were too far behind to stop their opponents from concluding the set and match on Tsui-pui's next service game.

TODAY'S GAME
Colony Open Singles Semi-final
4.30 p.m.: K. C. Dao v. Cheung Chow.

Reshevsky Leads In Havana Chess Tournament

Havana, Mar. 13.

Samuel Reshevsky, of New York, held a surprising lead on Thursday as the field in the International Chess Master Tournament approached the decisive stage of the competition.

Although a former U.S. champion, Reshevsky did not figure highly in pre-tournament estimates covering a field studded with seven national champions from Latin America and Europe. The American widened his lead to 1½ points in Wednesday night's 16th round over runner-up Svetozar Gligoric, the Yugoslav titlist.

The tournament has seven more rounds to go. In defeating Cuban Eleazar Jimenez in 30 moves, Reshevsky went ahead by the widest margin of the tournament so far. He has 13 points in a record of 11 victories, four ties and one loss. Gligoric has 11½.

Tied for third at 11 points are French titlist Nicolas Rossolimo and Argentine's Miguel Najdorf and Erich Eliskases. Larry Evans, triple U.S. champion, is in the fourth place at 10.—Associated Press.

Americans Lose Shek-O Match

London, Mar. 13.

In a friendly golf match between 14 members of the Shek-O Golf Club and an unofficial team representing the American Club on Wednesday, the Shek-O Club won by one point.

The following are the results: Harry and Cleland lost to Kierman and Smith.
Brown and Bosquet beat Dyring and Hawkins.
Graham and Marshall lost to Cotton and Harry.
Lyn and Hutterer beat O'Donnell and Borovik.
Prophet and Sinclair lost to Hermand and Zellensky.
Blaker and McCall all square with Cooper and Hill.
Munro and Walker beat Gray and Thomson.

ARMY v. ROYAL NAVY AT TWICKENHAM



Stoker W. O. Williams of Navy (No. 3) is flung into touch near the corner flag when attempting to score a try for the Navy. Army won 11-3.

Don Cockell Has No 'Heavy' Ambitions

Says HAROLD MAYES

As if Jack Solomon had enough worries as he returns from a week in New York deciding he couldn't afford Sugar candy, he'll find boxing folk who claim to be in the know saying that the day isn't far distant when Don Cockell will be joining the heavyweight ranks.

WEEK-END TEAMS

The following are Club selections for cricket and rugby matches this week-end:

CRICKET

Kowloon CC 1st XI v Army "B" at Cox's Road on Saturday at 1.45 p.m.—P.W. Dodge, W.M. Davidson, F.R. Kernan, R.R. Lee, J. Lerio, Kenneth Lu, C.S. Ramage, J.V. Selors, C.J. Smith, A. Zimmermann, F.R. Zimmermann.
Kowloon CC 2nd XI v Police at Happy Valley on Saturday at 1.45 p.m. players to meet at Queen's Pier at 1.15 p.m.—E.C. Fincher, A.J. Catter, W.L. Cowie, K.H. Fraser, F.R. Kernan, L. Red, V. Pepperell, D. Symons, C.S. Ramage, F.R. Zimmermann.

Hongkong CC "Scorpions" v Hongkong University at Chater Road on Saturday at 1.45 p.m.—H. C. Dao, J. Weller, H. C. Dao, J. Weller, F.C. Herdige, B.P. Connell, D.J. Hill, J. Shannon, 12th man—K.E. Greene.
Craigengower CC v RAF at Happy Valley on Saturday at 1.45 p.m.—G. Hong Chow, G.A. Souza, M.J. Develin, P.D. Bagg, D. Billmorie, B.P. Dhabar, M. Singh, S.S. Inwall, T. Chabres, Reserves—S.P. Shroff and U.K. Emmell.
Indian RC 1st XI v HKCC "Optimists" at Sookunpoo on Saturday at 1.45 p.m.—A. Runkhah, A.H. Abbas, A.H. Kitchell, A.M. Omar, S.H. Khan, F.M. el Aregill, A.H. Inwall, A.K. Ismail, M. Samad, A. Abbas, E.S.C. Kader, A.R. Razack, Ador Runkhah and T.E. Chiba. Umpire—K.M. Chait.
Players are requested to meet at Star Ferry, Kowloon side, at 1.20 p.m.

RUGBY

The following have been chosen to represent England and Wales respectively in the final of the local Rugby International to be played at the Rugby Ground, Causeway Bay, at 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 16:
England—Lacey, Harland, Lawes, Arnold, Baume (Captain), Owen, Bowers, Minto, Roden, Craig, Wills, Kivert, Lavery, English.
Wales—Hartley, Cresswell, J. Roberts, Pierce, C. Roberts, Mynott, Bailey, Evans, Hookins, A.O. Otter, Bus, Payton, J. Thomas, Deacock, I. Thomas, Reserves—Sgt Hopkins, Harris, Tane.
Club "B" for Seven-A-Side Tournament on Saturday at Sookunpoo—Patercock, Daniel, V. Roberts, Rumelle, Talamo, Kilvert, Robertson.

Two Changes In Scots' Team

(From Our Own Correspondent)

London, Mar. 13.
Injuries have forced Scotland to make two changes in their rugby team chosen to play England in the Calcutta Cup match at Murrayfield on Saturday.

I. H. M. Thomson (Hereford) and D. M. Scott (Langholm) are unfit and their places at fullback and wing three-quarter respectively will be taken by two men new to international rugby—N. W. Cameron ("Glasgow" University) and T. G. Weatherstone (Stewart's College).

What's the foundation for all this? Well, they know that the lightweight Champion was having weight troubles.

They're assuming still further Gardner may well call it a day and that John Simpson, who manages both Gardner and Cockell, might see the stepping up of Cockell as a solution to his problems.

So I asked John for his views on the situation. He told me: "As far as we are concerned Don's weight problems have been remedied. He can make 12 st. 11 lb. the doctors and dieticians say so, and that's good enough for us. I can honestly say that we haven't discussed the possibility of his moving up into the heavyweights. Of course, he's fought heavyweights before and if he were offered a fight against Williams we should probably take it."

But he hasn't any really serious ambitions of becoming a heavyweight. He's still after that lightweight title held from Joey Maxim," he added.

Well, that seems to scotch that rumour about Cockell, which in my view it's just as well for whatever difficulty Cockell might have in making cruiserweight he hasn't the build to become half such an effective force in the top division.

What of those Maxim ambitions? Well, they've taken another turn for the worse this week. Jimmy Slade, who beat Cockell so decisively, was outpointed over ten rounds by Archie Moore, now rated No. 2 contender, behind Harry Matthews, after having his claims repeatedly side-tracked these last three years.

FOR HELSINKI?

They are contemplating sending Geoff Dyson, the AAA chief coach, with the team. Whoever else might be left behind to make that possible, it's an extremely good idea. The Americans, after all, who haven't exactly been unsuccessful in Olympics have been known to send almost as many coaches as performers.

"It's a very comforting thought, particularly to the performers, whose whole approach to intensive Games competition can be so much easier as a result of having someone on whom they can rely in times of difficulty and crisis."

NO JOKE NOW

League cricket professionals have been known to snigger when certain counties have put up the bar against their professionals taking part in Sunday fixtures. No doubt they regarded it as a real joke that, though they were already picking up for more cash than the county players, they could still get the extra appearance money a good deal more readily.

Well, times change, and now the Lancashire League have placed an embargo on club pros. playing in matches for other people on Sundays. They will still be allowed to play for their own clubs, or in matches sanctioned by the League.

Note that—sanctioned by the league. It looks as if it's something the clubs have been wanting to put over for some time, but haven't had the courage to do.

Jockeys Will Play Boxers In Soccer Match

London, Mar. 13.

Twelve British boxing champions, past and present, and two riders of Derby winners are among the 32 players from whom teams for boxers versus jockeys will be picked for a football soccer match organised by the Sportsman's Aid Society at Highbury on March 31.

Derby winners Charlie Smirke and Billy Nevett are alternatives for the centre-half position in the jockeys' eleven while the boxers have a solid defence with Henry Hall in goal, Don Cockell and Jack Gardner as backs and Bruce Woodcock at centre-half.

Johnny Williams, the new British Heavyweight Boxing Champion, will lead the attack.

—Reuter.

RUGGER RESULT

London, Mar. 13.
Newport beat Oxford University by one point to nil in a Rugby Union game today.—Reuter.

FIRST TWO MAJOR UPSETS OF THE COLONY JUNIOR BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

By "ARGONAUT"

The first two major upsets of the 1951-52 Colony Schoolboys' and Junior Badminton Championships occurred last night when the Championships continued at Club de Recreo.

University's left-hander, Joseph Fox, eliminated fourth-seeded K. Y. Tan of Craigengower in the Singles quarter-final, and in the Junior Mixed Doubles second round, the second seeded pair of J. A. Soares and Mrs. G. Sequeira went down surprisingly to their Recreo clubmates, C. M. Quinn and Mrs. M. Rozario.

Another surprise of the evening was the straight-set triumph of the mother and son Mixed Doubles combination of K. Y. Tan and Mrs. W. K. Tso over the more favoured University combination of L. H. Tan and Miss May Leong.

The Singles match between Fox and Tan went to a gruelling third set and lasted 70 minutes. Fox's greater staying power enabled him to outlast his opponent in the third set.

At 7-7, Tan found himself completely exhausted and after conceding seven points in a row just waited for the shuttle to drop on his court for the final point.

The first and second sets were evenly contested, with Tan playing slightly below his normal form. His services lacked their usual accuracy, repeatedly going beyond the base line, and he hardly met drops time and again fell into the net.

Fox's better length in his services and lobs gave him a slight advantage. There were a few times when he was caught at his weakest spot, the low backhand corner, but this weakness was on the whole well covered with his round-the-head stroke.

Tan led 4-2, 6-3 and 7-5 in the first set, but Fox drew level at 9-9 and went on to 12-12, and then let his two good long services to allow Fox to hold a 14-11 lead and take the first set at 15-11.

In the second set, the two players again battled to a 9-9 score before Tan struck a brilliant patch to reel off four points in a row and win the set 15-10.

IN TOP FORM

Both C. M. Quinn and Margie Rozario were in top form in their upset victory over J. A. Soares and Gloria Sequeira.

While Quinn showed excellent coverage of the back court and scored with strong smashes and deceptive backhand cross drops, Margie displayed rare brilliance in the forecourt, not only accurately sending every possible shot back, but also keeping up a relentless attacking game and covering up well for his partner whenever the latter was out of position.

From 2-2 they raced ahead to 8-2 in the first set and held a commanding lead at 12-4.

Soares and Mrs. Sequeira drew up to 7-12, 11-13 and 13-14, before Gloria served wide. Margie's service was killed and, amidst excitement, Quinn succeeded in scoring the set point with a good smash.

Soares and Mrs. Sequeira took an initial lead of 3-1 in the second set, but the faster and more accurate offence of Quinn and Mrs. Rozario gave them six points on their next two services.

From 7-3 they went on to 10-5 and although the losers in a good attempt closed up to 7-10, Quinn and Rozario clinched the set and match, scoring five more points on their next two services.

The mother and son combination of Mrs. W. K. Tso and K. Y. Tan not only made the semi-final of the Mixed Doubles but also the magic show at Lee Theatre.

After waiting for their opponents for some considerable time, they were more worried when the match did commence whether they could make the show. With this as an additional reason for finishing the match earlier, they began to play an inspired game, adopting the correct tactics of attacking the forecourt and putting one well back occasionally when L. H. Tan tried to cover his partner.

From 6-2, they increased their lead to 13-2, and eventually took the set at 15-9.

A closer game was seen in the second set. The Tsos led 7-4 but L. H. Tan and May Leong caught up to 7-7 and took the lead at 9-7. At 10-10, the Tsos went forward to 13-10. The University pair narrowed the score to 12-13, but could not stop their

THE RESULTS

The following were the results of the Colony Open Badminton Championships matches played at Recreo last night:

Schoolboys' Singles—Peter Lim beat John So 15-6, 15-7.
Schoolgirls' Doubles—Miss R. V. Fong and Miss G. McDougall beat Miss J. Yang and Miss G. Mahe 15-15, 15-12.

Junior Mixed Doubles—Mrs. W. K. Tso and K. Y. Tan beat Miss May Leong and L. H. Tan 15-9, 15-12.
Men's Junior Singles—J. Fox, University, beat K. Y. Tan 15-11, 15-12.

Junior Mixed Doubles—Mrs. C. L. Rozario and C. M. Quinn beat Mrs. G. Sequeira and J. A. Soares 15-13, 15-7.
Men's Junior Singles—F. M. Rozario beat D. T. Rocha 15-4, 15-10, 15-3.

Men's Junior Doubles—J. Yap and J. Koo beat M. T. Lam and W. N. Cheung 15-7, 15-12.
Men's Junior Singles—J. Fox beat K. Y. Tan 15-11, 10-15, 15-7.

TODAY'S GAMES (At CCC)

8.00 p.m.: Schoolboys' Singles—Ng Lee-ho v. Leung Tai-wong.

8.30 p.m.: Schoolboys' Singles—Robert Hong v. Leung Tin-sik.
8.45 p.m.: Schoolboys' Singles—E. Marquez Lim v. Lee Sik-chuen.

7.00 p.m.: Junior Ladies' Singles—Mrs. A. M. Campos v. Mrs. M. Rozario.
7.20 p.m.: Men's Junior Doubles—L. T. Tan and Hooi Seng-tuck v. J. A. Soares and D. T. Rocha.

8.00 p.m.: Junior Mixed Doubles—Miss S. Correa and Wong Kai-cheung v. Miss B. Remedios and A. J. Remedios.
8.30 p.m.: Men's Junior Doubles—C. Quinn and T. Rodrigues v. K. Y. Tso and Wong Kang-chow.

9.00 p.m.: Men's Junior Singles—L. H. Tan v. J. Pomeroy, Jr.
9.30 p.m.: Men's Junior Doubles—J. A. Molta and A.

Welsh Rugby Team To Meet France

Cardiff, Mar. 13.

For their match against France at Swansea on March 22, the Welsh Rugby Union selectors have chosen the same team which beat Ireland last Saturday and so gave Wales the triple crown.

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CAIRO TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Cairo, Mar. 13.

The Wimbledon champion, Doris Hart of the United States, today won the Women's Singles in the Egyptian International Lawn Tennis Championships with a 2-6, 6-1, 6-2 win over her compatriot, Shirley Fry.

Jaroslav Drobny of Egypt and Rolando Deland of Italy beat the Egyptian team of Adly Shafel and Marcel Coen 8-6, 6-3, 6-3, in the semi-final of the Men's Doubles.

In the semi-final of the Women's Doubles, Hart and Fry beat J. Kinghorn of Britain and Mrs. K. Ruffio of Italy 6-0, 6-0.—United Press.



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LAWN TENNIS

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Hongkong Cricket Club Tournament at Chater

BADMINTON

Colony Open Championships at Craigengower Cricket Club, commencing 8.20 p.m.

SOCCER

Dutch Community XI v Officers of HMS Fleet, held at CWB ground, Happy Valley, kick-off 3 p.m.

MEETINGS

Athletic Section of St. Joseph's Old Boys' Association at office, Hongkong Football Association, Prince's Building, 2.30 p.m.

ATHLETICS

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"HUPAI"	Tientsin	10 a.m. 23rd Mar.
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"SICHUAN"	Bangkok	5 p.m. 25th Mar.
"SHENKING"	Keelung	5 p.m. 26th Mar.

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"YU CHOW"	Yokohama	7 p.m. 14th Mar.
"SHENKING"	Keelung	7 a.m. 17th Mar.
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"PATROCLUS"	Liverpool	17th Mar.
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"BENCLEUCH"	U.K. via Singapore	18th Apr.
"BENCRACHAN"	Japan	24th Apr.
"BENMACDHUI"	U.K. via Singapore	25th Apr.

SAILINGS

SHIPS	TO	DATE
"BENATTOW"	London & Hamburg	21st Mar.
"BENAVON"	Direct to Singapore, thence Liverpool, Glasgow, Dublin & Hull	22nd Mar.
"BENLEDI"	Kure, Yokohama & Kobe	5th Apr.
"BENCLEUCH"	Avonmouth, Liverpool, Glasgow & Antwerp	22nd Apr.
"BENCRACHAN"	Direct to Singapore, thence Havre, London & Hamburg	24th Apr.
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THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE 1922 Annual Return Forms are on sale at "S. C. M. Post."

Soldier's Dash To Sick Wife

Denham, Mar. 13.
After a dash by car, air and train, Guardsman Herbert Craggy, 28, of the First Battalion, Coldstream Guards, is home at Denham on compassionate leave.
He was working in the Sergeant's Mess at Salalah el Bahah, Egypt, when his 21-year-old wife of only four months collapsed and was rushed to hospital for an operation.—Reuter.

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.
(Incorporated in Hong Kong)

Notice to Shareholders

ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Sixty-first Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, the 3rd day of April, 1952, at Noon, to transact the following business:—

1. To receive and consider the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1951, and the Auditors' Report thereon.
2. To sanction a Dividend in respect of the year 1951.
3. To elect Directors.
4. To appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books and Register of Members will be closed from the 21st March, 1952, to the 3rd April, 1952, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
G. B. S. THOMSON,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 12th March, 1952.

TAX SCANDAL

Washington, Mar. 13.
The Senate today made law President Truman's plan to reorganise the nation's tax collection services—a measure the President has called vital to fight corruption.

The voting after two days of bitter debate was 58 to 37.

The House of Representatives has already passed the Bill. This reorganisation measure for what has been described as the "scandal-plagued" Bureau of Internal Revenue becomes effective from midnight tomorrow. The new law ends the political appointment of Internal Revenue collectors. In future the posts will be filled by civil servants approved by the Senate.—Reuter.

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Sixty-Third Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Company, Chung Tin Building, First Floor, Hongkong, on Wednesday, 26th March, 1952, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1951, and to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, 12th March, 1952, until Wednesday, 26th March, 1952, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
SHEWAN TOMES & COMPANY LIMITED,
R. V. LEDERHOFER,
Director

General Managers.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1952.

Appeal To Save Condemned Men

Brussels, Mar. 13.
The International Confederation of free trade unions today cabled the American, French and British Foreign Ministers urging immediate diplomatic intervention to prevent the execution of five Spanish trade unionists.

J. Oldenbroock, Secretary-General of the Confederation, referred in the cable to Press reports that the men are to be executed on March 14.
"On behalf of the free trade unions of the free world we urge immediate intervention to prevent execution," the cable said.—Reuter.

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED.

Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company (Second Floor, Telephone House, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hong Kong) on SATURDAY, the 15th day of March, 1952, at 12 Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors, together with the statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1951, to confirm the appointment of two Directors, to re-elect a Director and to appoint the Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 1st March, 1952, to the 15th March, 1952, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
A. SOMMERFELT,
Secretary.
Hongkong 14th Feb., 1952.

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Homewards	Leaves Hongkong	Due London
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"CANTON"	11th April	12th May
"CHUSAN"	8th May	2nd June
"CARTHAGE"	5th May	6th June

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Outwards	Due Hongkong	From
"SUKAT"	3rd April	London & Continent
Homewards	Leaves Hongkong	For
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"URLANA"	due 22nd March	from Japan for Singapore, Colombo, Bombay & Karachi
"PEMBA"	due 29th Mar.	from Japan for Singapore, Colombo & S'pore
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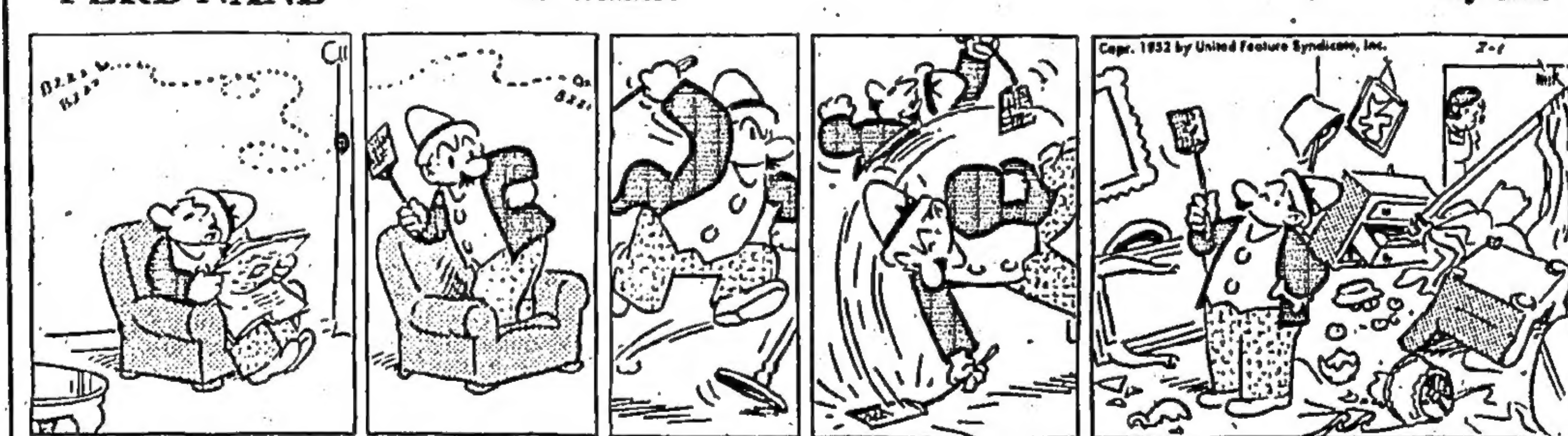
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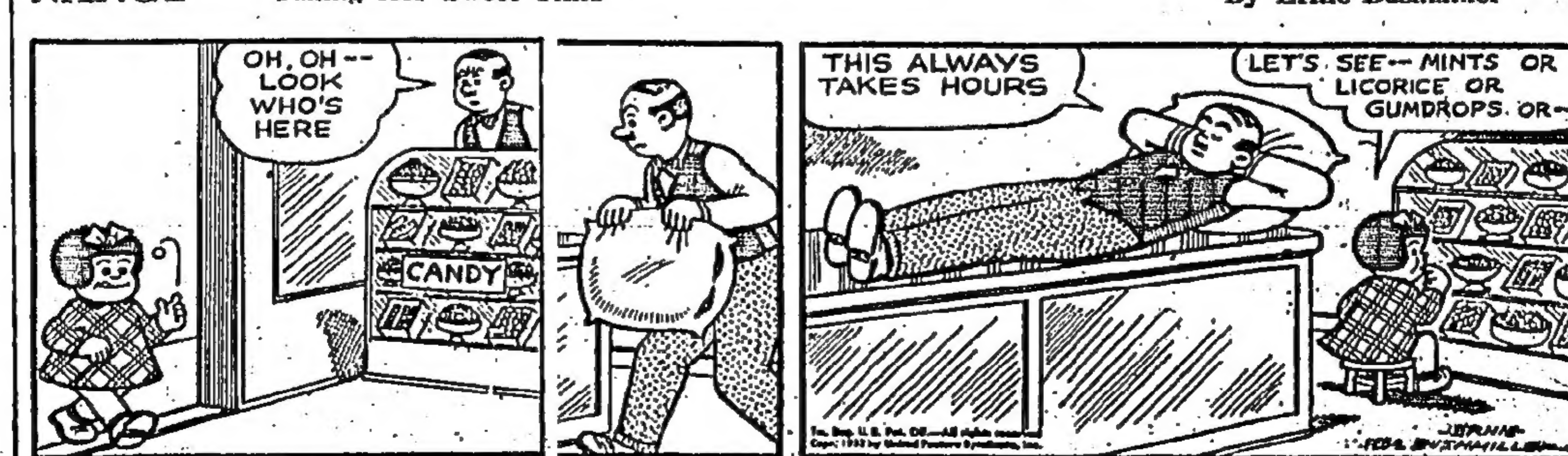
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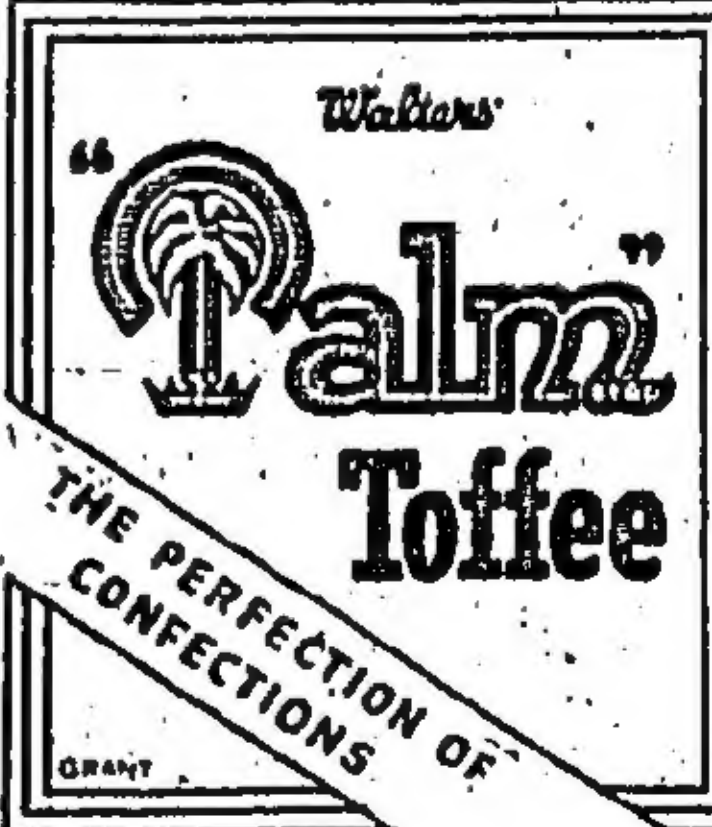
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JAPAN AND MONETARY FUND

Washington, Mar. 13.
Japan's entry into the International Monetary Fund is expected to follow soon after the Japanese peace treaty becomes effective.

It is understood here that officials of the Fund have decided the terms under which Japan will be accepted and that these terms are now under consideration in Tokyo. While discussions between the Fund and Japan technically will continue in the negotiation stage, it was said that the terms for Japan's entry have been virtually finally worked out and that Japan's acceptance is expected soon. Should this come before the treaty becomes effective, Japan's entry into the Fund would be delayed until after the treaty becomes operative.

Officials declined to discuss the terms of Japan's membership in the Fund, but indicated that the amount of money Japan will subscribe to the Fund has been the principal issue in arranging Japan's entry.

Fund officials, after examining Japan's financial and economic position, proposed that Japan subscribe \$250,000,000, but Japan urged that she subscribe at least \$300,000,000. Japan is seeking a higher subscription which would give her greater borrowing capacity and voting power within the Fund. However, at present, it appears likely that the Fund will insist upon a \$250,000,000 subscription and that Japan will accept.

Following her entry into the International Monetary Fund, Japan is expected also to become a member of the World Bank, which is closely associated with the Fund and also provides international financing. Bank membership becomes open to Japan after she becomes a member of the Fund.—Associated Press.

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES



Ship	Leaving	Outward For
"LA MARSEILLAISE"	Mar. 31	Apr. 1 Yokohama & Kobe
"MAPLE HILL"	Apr. 2	
Ship	Leaving	Homeward For
"MONTAIN"	Mar. 13	Mar. 16 N. Africa & Europe
"ZELIDJA"	Apr. 4	Apr. 5 N. Africa & Europe
"LA MARSEILLAISE"	Apr. 11	Apr. 12 Marseilles via Manila
"BEAUVAIS"	May 1	May 2 N. Africa & Europe

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Decline In Jap Exports To Sterling Area?

Tokyo, Mar. 13.

A gradual decline in Japanese exports to the Sterling Area is likely to follow the overall tightening of import restrictions by the United Kingdom.

Japan, to cope with an expected new British trade offensive, will have to make an extensive and basic re-study of its economic policy, Government circles said.

She would have to push ahead more vigorously with policies to improve production methods, develop new economic resources and lower prices.

Ministry of International Trade and Industry officials feared that Japan might lose her Sterling area markets if her present policy of restricting exports for Sterling was maintained.

Government and banking circles perceived in the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. R. A. Butler's budget speech Britain's firm determination not to evaluate the Pound Sterling. Bank of Japan officials paid particular attention to the increase in the bank rate of interest. They believed this step would check inflationary effects caused by the reduction in imports.

However, they were apprehensive that Japan's textile and sundry goods exports would suffer as a result of the new Commonwealth drive to set up export in areas other than Western Europe.

Government and business circles were also concerned over a statement on Tuesday by the SCAP economic and scientific section chief, General Marquett, that Japan would find it difficult to obtain foreign capital in future.

MUST BE JUSTIFIED

General Marquett said that economic justification must provide a basis for any type of U.S. Government or private loans to Japan.

Japanese requests for loans had been in too general terms and had not been justified in specific economic terms, he said.

Meanwhile a spokesman for the Finance Ministry said that Mr. Butler's budget speech is not likely to affect Japan to any serious extent.

He believed the Pound would not be devalued because it would either compel the British to curtail their living expenses, already at an austere level, or to abandon their rearmament programme.

"At the same time," the highly-placed spokesman said, "Mr. Butler's speech has made no change whatever in the fact that Japan must adopt some measure to straighten out her excessive Pound holdings situation unless the position of the Pound should improve."—France-Press.

Less Sugar For Japan

New York, Mar. 13. Japanese raw sugar imports for the 1951-52 season will approximate 440,000 short tons, a drop of 220,000 tons from the 660,000 tons imported last year, B. W. Dyer and Company, sugar brokers and economists, reported today.

Consumption is expected to fall around 600,000 tons from the 640,000 tons used last year. Inventories on Aug. 31, 1952 will be around 100,000 short tons compared with about 100,000 tons on hand at the same time last year, the report added.

CRITICISM OF MARINE INSURANCE IN BRITAIN: RATES SAID TOO LOW

Ceylon Slash In Imports?

Colombo, Mar. 13. A usually well-informed source said today that Ceylon may further slash imports from dollar and hard currency countries to contribute to the Commonwealth's joint effort to ease the Sterling-Area difficulties.

The Government is now examining the extent to which further cuts can be made.

Financial circles here said that the increase in the British bank rate would not affect Ceylon's economy though certainly this country will have to share adversely the fall in the value of Sterling securities.—Reuter.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$382,702. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

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Liverpool. At the annual meeting in Liverpool of the Liverpool Underwriters' Association, Mr. T. H. Blackham, the retiring chairman, referred to hull and cargo insurance.

As regards the former, he mentioned that the "chief event" last year was the increase of 10 per cent applied to all renewals, and suggested that this "was only intended to be a token advance."

It was, he said, a preliminary gesture that would give the Joint Committee an opportunity of assessing the actual and prospective increase in the cost of hull repairs.

Certainly in the light of recent statistics of casualties and costs the inadequacy of present rates would seem to be established but a further increase in hull premiums should be avoided if at all practicable, or, if not, confined to the absolute minimum compatible with a reasonable return for underwriters' risks, says the Liverpool Journal of Commerce.

As far as cargo insurance is concerned, there is evidence that the law of supply and demand has been re-established; in fact the pendulum appears to have swung a little too far from the point of view of many engaged in the marine insurance business.

HEAVY COMPETITION. Intense competition, from a greatly expanded world market, has, as Mr. Blackham remarked, forced rates below reasonable levels, and, despite wider cover given by underwriters, "many rates are lower than in 1939."

From the standpoint of the insured this would appear to be a satisfactory state of affairs; it could hardly be otherwise at a time when the costs of all goods and services are increasing. But it is not satisfactory from the underwriters' point of view since transport hazards have certainly not declined compared with pre-war, and consequently do not justify lower rates than obtained in those days.

At the same time it is reasonable to suppose that some underwriters are making these rates pay, even though they may not appear to be commensurate with the risks, in the opinion of others.

IMPROVED DESIGN. The chairman recalled his "mixed feelings" when, in 1945, he read articles stating that experience gained during the war would lead to the production of ships of improved design with such modern aids to safe navigation that accidents would practically disappear.

Fire detection and suppression, it was claimed, had been perfected, and hold ventilation and the latest mechanical methods of dealing with cargo would ensure clean delivery.

"It seemed to me," Mr. Blackham added, "that underwriters would no longer be needed, and I lost sleep imagining that I would have to seek other employment."

MOST PROFITABLE. No doubt he had in mind literature issued by the manufacturers of the equipment concerned, or articles written by optimists—people who considered, for example, that the advent of radar would mean the reduction of strandings and collisions to vanishing point.

This has not transpired, and on our part we did not expect that it would. Perhaps it is not without significance that many insurance companies, according to their annual returns, enjoyed a most profitable period at the time when world trade was at a very low ebb, viz., during the depression years of the '30's.

Recovery On London Exchange. Government bonds staged a recovery on the London Stock Exchange today from a slump precipitated by the new Budget. At the close the Government issues were 1/4 to 1/2 higher than the closing prices of Wednesday, when they were sharply marked down in response to the increase in the bank loan from 2 1/2 per cent.

Domestic industrial shares mostly reduced or recovered early losses prompted by the Budget's new 30 per cent tax on excess profits.

The Financial Times daily index of London stocks was 100.95 on 1951-52 low, off 0.4.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 1952.

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Compulsory Service Tribunal Hears 11 More Objectors

The Compulsory Service Tribunal this morning heard 11 more objectors. It refused three objections, adjourned four cases for further medical examination and allowed four men to be transferred from service in the Royal Hongkong Defence Force to the Essential Services Corps.

In many of the cases grounds of objection were medical unfitness and the Assistant Director of Manpower, Mr V. F. Clarke, agreed with the Tribunal that under the new stricter standards of the Defence Force the medical gradings of some of the objectors would disqualify them.

The Tribunal comprised Mr Justice Gould as Judge with Mr John MacNeill, QC, and Mr Ho Siew-um as Assessors. The Tribunal refused the objections of Fung Kam-chung, 27, manager of the Che Sang Co., to the Defence Force, of Au Shing-cheung, 19, student of Wah Yuen College, to the Auxiliary Medical Service, and of Robert Lee Ho, 26, bank clerk, to the Auxiliary Medical Service.

Pleading hardship on his firm, Fung said he was the only active partner and the only one authorized to sign cheques and important documents. His firm were importers and exporters of paper and stationery and also had a printing factory which he had to supervise. The only other partner had retired years ago. He did not know how the firm worked, neither did he know English.

Questioned by the Tribunal, Fung said there was no one to take his place and even when he was sick the firm would send documents to him for his signature. Asked what would happen if he were seriously ill, Fung replied that had never happened, but if and when it did he supposed his partner would have to sign.

As to the ground of physical unfitness, the Tribunal pointed out that the medical report was satisfactory, but Fung said he could not stand any big noise. Even the firecrackers during the Chinese New Year frightened him. This, he supposed, was due to a weak heart although he had not consulted a doctor about it.

Fung also put forward the ground of conscientious objection. He said he hated the idea of fighting and felt uneasy about it. Mr Gould: Most of us can say the same. The Tribunal held that this ground was insufficient, the hardship being only what could be said of virtually every firm. The student, Au, said that he had to pay attention to his studies for he would be disqualified if he failed. Besides the daily homework he also had private tuition after school and felt very tired after all his studies.

"You are probably working too hard and need a slight change from your school work," said Mr Gould, pointing out that Au was posted to the Auxiliary Medical Service which required only 48 hours a year, which was done in periods of two hours a week. The Tribunal agreed that this service would not seriously interfere with his studies.

Robert Lee Ho, 26, bank clerk, expressed his anxiety to perform some public service, but asked that he be transferred to one that allowed him to be near his home so that he could go back to take care of his wife and family if anything happened. Mr Gould asked him whether he knew what he was training for, because he wanted to go home as soon as anything happened. He said he wanted to work in the Civil Aid Service which, he understood, would place him in Wanchai near his home.

Mr Clarke informed the Tribunal that in an emergency Ho could not desert his post, but must follow the orders of the unit controller. The Tribunal refused the objection of Lee, Mr Gould saying that it might not be impossible that in the Auxiliary Medical Service Ho would find a station near his home. The Tribunal adjourned sine die the cases of Hsiao el Arculli, 28, Fok Man-hay, 20, clerk of B. T. Barma and Co., Au Kwong-shut 28, clerk of the Lee Kee Hong, and Ho Kam-tung, 29, clerk of the Colonial Secretariat, for them to have a further medical examination. They were each given the option of having their own doctors present.

TRANSFERRED
Jimmy Cheung, 28, employed in the Tramways Co., Fung Yeh-hay, 27, accountant of Cable and Wireless, Lau Yeh-shing, 29, clerk of the Harcourt TB Clinic, and Chow Chan-wan, 33, clerk of the Olympic Trading Co., were allowed to be transferred to the Essential Services.

The Tribunal told them that as the medical grading was not acceptable to the new standards required by the Defence Force they would be given less strenuous posts. One case, that of Fung Man-kul, 27, of the staff of St Stephen's College, Stanley, was withdrawn as Mr Clarke declared that Fung told him he had no objections to serving in the Defence Force. The case of Peter Ko, 29, assistant of General Amusements Ltd., was adjourned sine die, as the Tribunal had a medical report saying Ko was in hospital.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"The boss just sent me out for a fishing rod he ordered - you're right about that southern business trip!"

Great Artist And Showman Magistrate Refuses A Rehearing

"The Great Lyle" certainly deserves his qualifying adjective. He can rarely have been the lot of any magician to face such a large but wholly unco-operative audience as came to be baffled but not to take part in any miracle performed in the Lee Theatre last night.

Many of the miracles were exclusive to Lyle, but even the tricks he had seen before were done in each grand way as to appear new and infinitely more amazing. Almost every one of them was quite unfaithful. He made cards which several people had picked at random and replaced, rise from a pack without looking at them, and saved a lady in half and made many more disappear.

He brought a sleek little bunny with a red bow round its neck out of a cigar box; he displayed a phenomenal sleight of hand; he made a woman rise above twelve feet in the air and make all he made a roaring motor-bike drive into an empty crate which stood some way off the floor of the stage, and then the crate was broken open to reveal that in a flash, the noise, the rider and the machine had melted into thin air.

Nothing but praise can be accorded the Vice-President of the Magic Circle and his polished troupe; he is a great artist and a great showman. —SUE DAWSON

Fatal Chopper Attack

A 29-year-old Chinese woman, employed at the Chung Nam factory, was fatally wounded when a man, said by neighbors to be her husband, attacked her early this morning with a chopper inside a squatter hut at Ming Yuen Hill.

The woman, suffering from 30 cuts to the head and body, was rushed to the Queen Mary Hospital, but she died shortly after admission. The alleged attacker is reported to have surrendered himself to the Police.

Immates of the squatter hut where the attack took place were awakened about 5 o'clock this morning with cries of "Save life." They rushed out of their cubicles and saw the attack on the woman.

IMPEDES STAR FERRY SERVICE
James Henry Ball, trooper, 20, of the C Squadron, Royal Tank Regiment, was fined \$20 by Mr. Oswald Cheung at Kowloon this morning when he pleaded guilty to a charge of impeding the Star Ferry Service. Insp. Jones said at 10 o'clock last night, Ball threw a lifebuoy overboard while the ferry was lying alongside the wharf at Kowloon.

CHINA PROVIDENT PAY DIVIDEND AND BONUS

Nett profit of the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Company Ltd for 1951 was HK\$1,326,000—\$439,000 or 24.8% less than the previous year, said the chairman Major S. M. Churn at the 51st annual meeting this morning. The company again had a "Claim free" year. A dividend was approved of \$1 plus bonus 70 cents per share, or 34%, both free of tax.

In submitting for approval the Directors' Report and Accounts Major Churn said: "Shareholders will recall that earnings in 1950 constituted a new record, and also that the year under review was hampered by additional trade restrictions. In these circumstances, a reduction to more normal earnings is to be expected. The profit for 1951 is the second highest in the Company's history. Provision for depreciation has been allowed on the usual scale, with appropriate increases to take care of additional assets acquired."

The usual appropriations to Typhoon and Claims Reserves, and also an allocation of \$10,000 to Marine Insurance Reserve, have been made in the Appropriation Account. The provision of \$150,000 for Taxation Reserve covers our liability to 31st March, 1953. We have again had a "claim free" year, and the staff is to be congratulated on their close attention to our clients and the Company's interests.

DISTRIBUTION
The Board will, later in this meeting, recommend that the distribution to shareholders be at the same rate as last year, that is, dividend \$1 and bonus 70 cents per share, both free of tax, making a total of \$1.70 per share, or 34%, free of tax. Your Directors also propose that \$122,500 be allocated to pay the annual staff bonus at the discretion of the Board and I am sure that this will meet with shareholders' approval. It is proposed to carry forward to 1952 the sum of \$1,326,000 as compared with \$1,030,000 brought into account in 1951. Turning to the Balance Sheet, we note a reduction under "Land" of \$135,000, which reflects the disposal of part of Inland Lot 1298, Section "A," and two small godowns thereon. The profit on this sale, \$243,000, is shown in the Appropriation Account.

The increase under "Buildings" covers the construction of new godowns Nos. 9 to 13 on the waterfront at West Point. These premises are twice as large as those disposed of, and provide added facilities for various categories of cargo in a central position. The balance of the expenditure on the completion of staff quarters.

NEW LIGHTERS
Vessels, Machinery & Co. have been augmented by the construction of six new steel lighters, installation of radio telephones in our towing craft, and further installations of cargo elevators, chutes, etc. Investments are shown at market value, and the net appreciation in value has been credited to Fluctuation Reserve. In previous years we have carried our War Losses Claim of \$1,147,000 as an asset and fully reserved for this item. As there now appears no hope that any part of this loss will be recovered, it has been written off against the reserve.

Employees' Provident Funds now stand at \$389,000, and are vested in Trustees. Last year, from this Chair I referred to the demolition of our Aberdeen tenement houses. Government has been pressing us to rebuild, and as this type of property is an unsuitable investment for the Company, your Board has recently disposed of the vacant land at a satisfactory figure.

I take this opportunity of recording our appreciation of the service of Mr. D. H. Blake on the Board. Mr. Blake has, unfortunately for us, found it necessary to retire from Hong Kong for health reasons, and we wish him a swift recovery and many years of happiness in the future. In conclusion I would advise shareholders that since 1946 we have spent over four million dollars in capital assets.

APPROPRIATED
Seconding the proposal, Mr. A. H. Potts congratulated the Chairman on his comprehensive review of the Company's affairs, and on the results attained, which, he said, while the profit earned was not yet another record, were very satisfactory. The maintaining of last year's

Living Language

Why we say Without turning a hair.
If you go through some frightening experience "without turning a hair" you have come through unperturbed. The phrase comes from fox-hunting where originally it was the horse, and not the rider, which took difficult jumps, "without turning a hair." A horse sweats when it is frightened and its coat becomes rough as though the hairs had turned over.

Mail Notices

Latest times of posting at G.P.O. and at Kowloon Post Office, registered articles and parcels, must be sent in earlier than the ordinary mail times shown below:
FRIDAY, MARCH 14
By Air:
Formosa, Okinawa, 5 p.m. H.K.A./N.W.A.L.
Malaya, Indonesia, Ceylon, India, 5 p.m. B.O.A.C.
N. Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, 5 p.m. G.E.L.
Japan, 5 p.m. G.E.L.
Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 5 p.m. P.A.L.
Japan, 5 p.m. C.A.L.
By Surface:
Macao, 12.30 p.m.; 6 p.m. as Lee Hong-Tak Shing.
Indo-China, 3 p.m. as Elsbeth.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15
By Air:
Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, 8.15 a.m. B.O.A.C.
U.S.A., Canada, 2 p.m. P.A.L.
Japan, 5 p.m. G.E.L.
Indo-China, France, French North & West Africa, 5 p.m. Air France.
Siam, 6 p.m. as Elsbeth.
By Surface:
Macao, 12.30 p.m.; 6 p.m. as Lee Hong-Tak Shing.
China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m.; 6 p.m. train via Canton.
Formosa, 9 a.m. as Wing Sang.
Indo-China, 2 p.m. as Nicolaine Magerak.
Japan, 5 p.m. as Java Mail.
Malaya, Indonesia, 2 p.m. as Tjiluw.
Ceylon, Madagascar, Aden, Great Britain, Europe, 5 p.m. as City of Edinburgh.
N. Borneo, 2 p.m. as New H.K. Airways.
Siam, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m. C.P.A.

SUNDAY, MARCH 16
By Surface:
Siam, Noon as Kowloon.
Macao 1 p.m. as Tai Loy.
MONDAY, MARCH 17
By Air:
Formosa, Japan, Noon via C.A.T.
Japan, 5 p.m. as Java Mail.
Formosa, Okinawa, U.S.A., Canada, 5 p.m. N.W.A.L.
Hawaii, 5 p.m. as Japan.
Indo-China (Tonkin only), 2 p.m. C.P.A.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to recognise, provisionally, Mr W. A. Mucci and Mr W. J. Orndorff as Vice-Consuls for the United States at Hongkong, according to a Government Gazette notice.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE.
Answers:
1. Homonymy. 2. Hudson River empties into New York Harbour. Hudson Bay is a great inland sea of Canada. 3. Because he walks in his sleep. 4. The skins of young lambs with curly wool. 5. One of the small planets between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter. 6. Gorgias.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.
6.00. Programme Summary: 6.02. Stories from World History. 6.03. News for Schools. 6.05. Music (BBC). 6.10. Chinese by Radio given by Miss Lee Wan Lan & S. K. Lee. (Recorded Lesson No. 243). 6.15. G. D. Cunningham (Organ) and The City of Birmingham Orchestra. 7.00. Tune Signal. 7.05. News from News Analysts (London Relay). 7.15. Vocal Selections from "Brigadoon" (Lester & Loewer). 7.30. No. 10. The Series presented by the British Council (Studio). 7.50. Weather Report. 8.00. From the Editorials (Recorded Relay). 8.10. Music and Song from the Film: 8.20. London Promenade Orchestra. 9.00. Music Lovers Hour. 9.15. News from News Analysts (London Relay). 9.30. The Long Ending (BBC). 10.00. An Account of the Trip to the Impressionist and Death of Sir Walter Raleigh, written by H. A. Craig, produced by R. D. Craig. 10.15. Goodnight News (Recorded Relay). 11.15. Goodnight Music. 11.20. The Queen: God Save The Queen! 11.30. Close Down.

Caused Obstruction
For causing an obstruction by tying up her passenger sampan to the end of the Public Square Street pier, Kwok Hon, 37, was fined \$15 by Mr T. B. Low at the Marine Court this morning. Defendant was arrested after being observed for 15 minutes, said Sub-Inspector Kong.

INTELLIGENCE TEST
Set out the sixteen forecasts using initials:
A: 1. B. 2. C. 3. D. 4. E. 5. F. 6. G. 7. H. 8. I. 9. J. 10. K. 11. L. 12. M. 13. N. 14. O. 15. P. 16. Q. 17. R. 18. S. 19. T. 20. U. 21. V. 22. W. 23. X. 24. Y. 25. Z.
One forecast for the first place must be correct; also one forecast for the last place. All the others therefore are wrong.
So B is second and L is third. And A cannot be last, for 42 is last and it has two correct forecasts.
Hence B is first and T is last; and Lorenz and Tilly shared the prize. London Express Service.

Confession By Radio

The thirty-fourth (B) in the series of lessons in Cantonese to be broadcast over Radio Hongkong by Mr S. K. Lee will be given this evening at 6.30.

For the guidance of listeners we publish below a summary of the lesson. Summaries of subsequent lessons will be published in the China Mail every Tuesday and Friday for the duration of this radio feature.

Lesson 34 B
A Story (Refer to Page 60, "Cantonese Simplified").
Vocabulary:
1. 到 (to) arrive; reach.
2. 到 (to) arrive; reach.
3. 到 (to) arrive; reach.
4. 到 (to) arrive; reach.
5. 到 (to) arrive; reach.
6. 到 (to) arrive; reach.
7. 到 (to) arrive; reach.
8. 到 (to) arrive; reach.
9. 到 (to) arrive; reach.
10. 到 (to) arrive; reach.

47. Shaw (2) (3) yoo. Therefore.
48. I am a friend.
49. A story. Continued.
50. (1) Kuei hui (2) doh (3) (1) Shaw-hoy (2) He arrived at Shanghai.
51. (1) Kuei hui (2) yut (1) gan (1) (1) Shaw-hoy (2) He arrived at Shanghai.
52. (1) Kuei hui (2) yut (1) gan (1) (1) Shaw-hoy (2) He arrived at Shanghai.
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60. (1) Kuei hui (2) yut (1) gan (1) (1) Shaw-hoy (2) He arrived at Shanghai.

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